## PINE TREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE, INC.

## SUPPLEMENTAL ATTORNEY FEES RETAINER

1. I understand that I do not have to pay any attorney fees to Pine Tree Legal Assistance (Pine Tree) for the time Pine Tree staff spends on my case against [opposing party].
2. I understand that Pine Tree may be able ask the other side to pay attorney fees for its staff time, in addition to any relief for me. I agree that Pine Tree may keep any attorney fees that are obtained through court or agency order or settlement.
3. I understand that attorney fees awards can be an important source of funds for Pine Tree and that such fees may help Pine Tree serve more people who cannot afford a lawyer.
4. If we agree to a settlement that includes an amount for fees to be paid to Pine Tree, I understand that Pine Tree will first deduct that amount and then pay the rest to me.
5. I understand that Pine Tree staff will explain all settlement offers to me, and I agree not to settle this case without talking to my Pine Tree attorney. Pine Tree will not settle this case without my agreement.
6. I understand that the opposing party may offer to give me what I want only if Pine Tree gives up any claim for attorney fees or that the other side may offer a lump sum payment without a breakdown between my claim and any claim for attorney fees. I understand that I have the right to decide what settlement to accept, but I also understand that giving up a claim to attorney fees may hurt Pine Tree's ability to help others. I agree to consider Pine Tree's goals if faced with this situation.
7. I acknowledge that Pine Tree attorneys have not given me any advice about the taxes I may face because of any damages award or award for attorney fees. If I have tax questions, I will seek advice from a tax professional.
Signature of Client
Date