

**ATTORNEY'S REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION OF A FEE DISPUTE
SONOMA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MANDATORY FEE ARBITRATION PROGRAM**

Mail this form along with filing fee check or money order to:

**Sonoma County Bar Association
Fee Arbitration Program
37 Old Courthouse Square, Suite 100
Santa Rosa, CA 95404**

Please type or print

Attorney's name _____ Daytime phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County of law practice at time of services rendered _____

Client's name _____ Phone (____)
) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

When were the legal services rendered (for which there is a
dispute)? _____

What type of case is involved in the dispute (e.g. divorce, bankruptcy,
probate)? _____

Do you have a written fee agreement? Yes _____ No _____
(If yes, attach a copy)

Were the fees court-ordered? Yes _____ No _____
(If yes, explain on a separate sheet)

Have you filed a lawsuit against the client to collect the fees? Yes _____ No _____

If you have filed a lawsuit, has the client answered it? Yes _____
No _____

What is the total amount of the fee charged? A.\$ _____

How much of the fee has the client paid? B.\$ _____

How much of the fee is in dispute? C.\$ _____

Your filing fee is determined by amount C.

<u>If the answer to amount C is:</u>	<u>FEE IS:</u>	<u>Plus Percentage:</u>
\$1 to 5,000	\$250	Plus 5%
\$5,001 to \$9,999	\$500	Plus 5%
\$10,000 and above	\$500	Plus 7%

The maximum filing fee to be charged on cases above \$10,000 will be \$7,500

***Make your check or money order payable to: Sonoma County Bar Association or S.C.B.A.
DO NOT SEND CASH.***

I am enclosing my filing fee in the amount of: \$ _____

Please give a description of the fee dispute. Attach additional sheets as necessary. _____

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All fee disputes for less than \$10,000 are heard by one (1) arbitrator. If the fee is for \$10,000 or more, the dispute is heard by three (3) arbitrators. If both you and the client agree, you may have the dispute heard by a single (1) arbitrator even if the dispute is for \$10,000 or more.

If you agree to one arbitrator, please indicate. Yes _____ No _____

Arbitration, according to Article 13 of the Business and Professions Code, can be ADVISORY or BINDING. Advisory means that if either you or the client are not satisfied with the award given, you have the right to file in the appropriate civil court for a new trial within 30 days of the date the "Findings and Award" is mailed to you. If neither you nor the client file for a new trial within this 30-day period, an advisory award automatically becomes final and BINDING.

If you and the client both agree to make the arbitration BINDING, a new trial may **NOT** be requested and the award will be final and binding on both parties. **We advise selecting binding arbitration.**

Choose one:
I want ADVISORY ARBITRATION. _____
I agree to BINDING ARBITRATION. _____

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that my statements on this request and any attachments are true and correct.

Attorney's Signature

Dated