

Attorney's Reply to Client's Request for Arbitration

Client

Attorney

Case No. _____ – A – _____

Please mail this form – and any supporting documents that you wish to submit – **along with an additional:**

- **four (4) copies** – of this form and your supporting documents – **if the disputed amount is less than \$10,000**
- OR-
- **six (6) copies** – of this form and your supporting documents – **if the disputed amount is \$10,000 or more**

to the following address:

The State Bar of California
Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program
180 Howard Street, 6th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639
Telephone (415) 538-2020

ATTORNEY'S REPLY (Attach additional sheets as necessary):

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

Do you agree to one arbitrator? Yes No

Unless both you and the client agree in writing to BINDING ARBITRATION, this arbitration is NON-BINDING. This means that if you or the client are not happy with the award, either of you has the right to ask for a new trial in a civil court within thirty (30) days from the date the award is mailed to you. If neither of you asks for a new trial in thirty (30) days, the award *automatically* becomes final and binding.

If you and the client both agree in writing to make the arbitration BINDING, a new trial may **NOT** be requested by you or the client, and the award will immediately become final and binding on both of you.

Do you agree to binding arbitration? Yes No

I declare under the 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

Date