



## ATTORNEYS' FEES AT THE VICTORIA LAW GROUP

We thought it might be useful to some of our potential clients to offer a general discussion of “fees” as the concept might apply between attorneys and their clients, as well as a specific discussion as such fee arrangements might apply between The Victoria Law Group and our clients.

We understand that life often presents several challenging legal issues and at times an individual would like to turn to an attorney to ask either general or specific questions. Often these questions go unanswered as many people fear the costs associated with asking an attorney a simple question.

At the Victoria Law Group, we do not have one standard fee arrangement with our clients. We do not treat our clients in a “one size fits all” manner. Instead, we seek to balance the request for legal services, against the amount of time the request for services will take. We seek input from our clients as to what they believe fair value for the request will be, and we honor all realistic input. Our objective in determining the appropriate fee for any request is to gain the client’s confidence that we are not merely a legal service provider seeking to maximize our own bottom line, but actually a partner in helping our clients resolve their legal issues as efficiently and effectively as possible. However, we ask that you respect our time and value our skills and training. The idea here is that we want you to feel comfortable reaching out to us. We strive to build a long lasting relationship with you.

According to the Florida Bar, an attorney should base their fee loosely on four factors:

1. Degree of difficulty of issues presented by the client’s case;
2. The amount of time and attention the case will demand;
3. Experience and skill of the attorney involved; and,
4. The attorney’s business expenses.

**One caveat:** No matter which fee arrangement is ultimately chosen, it is highly advisable for all clients to have a written and signed fee agreement with their attorney in order to help eliminate surprises. Please do not hesitate to **contact us** for a discussion of fees as they might pertain to your particular matter.

### WHAT WILL OUR SERVICES COST YOU?

We will always explain our fees to you so you understand what our services will cost before you engage our firm. We do not believe in surprises and we strive to never send you a bill for something that you did not agree to. We are also committed to offering legal services at a reasonable fee. [See our comprehensive fee schedule below.](#)

For your convenience, we accept a variety of payment methods, soon to include Bitcoin. ([Downloadable PDF Payment Methods Appendix](#)).

At The Victoria Law Group we embrace alternative as well as traditional billing methods. Our billing will either be a flat fee, an hourly rate, a contingency fee based on recovery, or some kind of hybrid combination of some or all of the previously mentioned billing methods.



### **Flat Fee**

For services where we can reasonably predict the time to complete a task, we are happy to offer a flat fee. This fee will include all legal work performed by our lawyers on your behalf. These fees do not include any Government imposed filing fees or some other out of pocket costs such as courier, etc. associated with the matter, unless we tell you they do. Our quoted fees will not change even if the task takes us longer than we anticipated. Flat fees are typically associated with contract review, wills, filling immigration and bankruptcy petitions, and standard transactional real estate matters. We are comfortable giving you a flat fee for these matters as the nature and scope of the work is well within our control and we can gage the timing with reasonable certainty. As always, the scope of our engagement will be clearly explained to you so that it is clear what the fees relate to. [See our comprehensive fee schedule below.](#)

### **Hourly Rate**

For some matters, it is not possible for us to give you a flat fee because it is too difficult for us to predict exactly how long the matter will take us. This is especially the case for matters where we do not control the nature, timing, and/or extent of the work. For example, some civil litigations are impossible to gage the amount of work because the opposing party may significantly shorten or lengthen the amount of time required to represent you. As we cannot control these external factors, for these matters we will charge an hourly rate and also for out of pocket costs such as postage, copies, couriers, etc. We will attempt to give you an estimate of the costs in these matters but we will also explain that the estimate may vary depending on the nature & scope of the case. As always, the scope of the engagement and our hourly rates will be clearly explained to you. Our hourly rate is \$350 per hour. [See our comprehensive fee schedule below.](#)

### **Contingency**

For certain enumerated types of lawsuits, primarily in civil litigation, an attorney may charge a client a percentage of the total recovery the lawyer is able to collect on the client's behalf. One important note is that the American Bar Association Model Rules or Professional Conduct ("Model Rules") prohibit contingency fees from being utilized in family court proceedings to determine child support payments, nor may they be used in criminal defense cases. The Model Rules also require a contingency fee be in writing and signed by the client.

In the event the case is unsuccessful, the client will not be responsible for the attorney's time in pursuing the matter. However, the client may still be liable for various costs incurred in doing so. Whether costs are to be attributed to the client or absorbed by the attorney is something to consider when drafting the required retainer agreement.

For contingency fees in cases involving personal injury or property damage resulting from tortious conduct, from an auto accident, medical malpractice, or products liability, the Model Rules place caps on the percentages that can be charged to the client.

### **Hybrid Fee Arrangements**

In some cases involving on-going or complex civil litigation, an attorney may charge a client a Retainer Fee, and an hourly fee, and a percentage of the total recovery the lawyer is able to collect on the client's behalf, or any combination of the fees previously mentioned. The use of a Hybrid Fee Arrangement is guided by expectation of costs associated with the matter, length of time for which the matter is likely to take, and the level of expertise required to conclude the



matter. An unfortunate truth of litigation is that it can be unpredictable as to length of time and amount of costs that will be associated with a particular matter. Most attorneys feel it to be an undue burden to rely exclusively on a contingency fee arrangement in certain types of litigation.

**Worth repeating:** No matter which fee arrangement is ultimately chosen, it is highly advisable for all clients to have a written and signed fee agreement with their attorney. Please do not hesitate to [Contact us](#) for a discussion of fees as they might pertain to your particular matter.

**For an Initial Consultation Call 305-602-9099**



## FEE SCHEDULE<sup>1</sup>

### Immigration<sup>2</sup>

We try to be comprehensive with our immigration fees, but do not assume that USCIS filing fees are included unless we inform you that they are.

#### **Citizenship**

| <b>Service</b>              | <b>Price</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Application for Citizenship | \$1500       |

#### **Green Card (Permanent Residence Visa)**

| <b>Service</b>   | <b>Price</b>  |
|--|---------------|
| Family Based Green Cards   | \$3000 & up   |
| Spousal or Fiancé Visa   | \$3000 & up   |
| Extraordinary Ability (EB-1)   | \$6000 & up   |
| Inter-Company Transfer Manager/Executive & Professor Researcher (EB-1) | \$6000 & up   |
| Employment Based EB-2 & EB-3 Visas (excluding Labor Certification)     | \$5000 & up   |
| Adjustment of Status (Green Card)                                      | \$2500-\$3000 |
| Employment Labor Certification (EB-2 or EB-3)                          | \$11000 & up  |
| Investment (EB-5)  | Project based |
| 1 Hour Consultation (\$150 for initial consultation)                   | \$300.00      |

#### **Employment Based Visas (Temporary Worker Visas)**

| <b>Service</b>                      | <b>Price</b>                 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Treaty Trader/Investor (E-1 or E-2) | \$5500 – 6500                |
| Specialty Worker (H1B)              | \$5000 + \$1,500<br>for LCA. |
| Trade National (TN Visa)            | \$2500                       |



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| Intercompany Transferee Manager/Executive or Specialized Knowledge (L-1A & B) | \$5,000 & up  |
| Extraordinary Ability (O-1 Visa) or Performers (P Visa)                       | \$5,000 & up  |
| Religious Worker (R-1 Visa)   | \$3500        |
| 1 Hour Consultation (\$150 for initial consultation)                          | \$300         |
| Other Visas   | Project Based |

### **Other Visas/Other Services**

| <b>Service</b>                    | <b>Price</b>             |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Consultation (Per hour)           | \$300                    |
| Tourist Visas                     | \$300                    |
| Visa Lottery                      | \$300                    |
| Student Visa                      | \$500                    |
| Asylum (Application & Processing) | \$6000 & up <sup>2</sup> |

### **Other Immigration Services**

| <b>Service</b>   | <b>Price</b> |
|--|--------------|
| Cancelation of Removal (Deportation) – Green Card Holder     | \$4500 & up  |
| Cancelation of Removal (Deportation) – Non Green Card Holder | \$5500 & up  |
| Court Appearances  | Varies       |
| Waivers for Ineligibility and Overstays                      | Varies       |
| Appeals for Denial of Applications                           | Varies       |

## **Contracts/Business Services**

| <b>Service</b> | <b>Price</b> |
|----------------|--------------|
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|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Standard Contract   | \$2500 <sup>4</sup> |
| Complex Contract  | Varies              |
| Corporation Set-up (prices will vary depending on complexity) | \$1,200             |
| LLC Set-up (prices will vary depending on complexity)         | \$1,200             |
| Sole Proprietorship Set-up                                    | \$1000              |
| Debt Issuance Documents                                       | Varies              |
| 1 Hour Consultation   | \$300               |
| Contract Bundle Packages for Businesses                       | Varies              |
| Research  | Project Based       |

#### **Real Estate Services**

| <b>Service</b>   | <b>Price</b> |
|--|--------------|
| Standard Residential Closing                               | \$1,500      |
| Residential Real Estate Contract Review and/or Preparation | \$2,000      |
| Serve as Residential Closing Agent                         | \$1,500      |
| Preparation of Seller's Docs for Residential Closing       | \$1,500      |
| Commercial Closing   | \$2,500      |
| Commercial Contract Review and/or Preparation              | Varies       |
| Power of Attorney Document                                 | \$1,000      |
| 1 Hour Consultation  | \$250        |
| Real Estate Litigation                                     | Varies       |
| Title Insurance  | Price Based  |



### Wills/Estate Planning & Trusts for our Entrepreneur, Business Owners & Investors

| Service  | Price                |
|--|----------------------|
| Standard Will <sup>5</sup>   | \$1,500 <sup>6</sup> |
| Triple Play Individual (Will, Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy)  | \$2,500              |
| Complex Will   | \$2500               |
| 2 Wills for Married Couple or Partners – Standard  | \$2500 <sup>7</sup>  |
| Super Couple Will Combination (2 Wills, 2 Health Care Proxy/Living Will documents & 2 Power of Attorney Documents) | \$3,500              |
| 2 Wills for Married Couple or Partner – Complex  | \$3,500              |
| Health Care Proxy/Living Will  | \$1,500              |
| Power of Attorney Document   | \$1,500              |
| 1 Hour Consultation  | \$250                |
| Trusts   | Varies <sup>8</sup>  |

<sup>1</sup> The fees listed are only estimates and will increase if your case is complex or requires much more time than usual. As always, we will never bill you for work that is not discussed and agreed with you. Please contact our office for a price quote for your specific needs. Also, based on financial need, some fees may be lowered to accommodate low-income households. Finally, these fees do not include any filing fees imposed by the government and/or any other agency or court appearances.

<sup>2</sup>We do not publish filing fees which are imposed by the U.S. government because they are subject to change.

<sup>3</sup> Court or Asylum office appearances are not included in this amount.

<sup>4</sup> A standard contract is usually no more than five (5) pages in length with standard font size. We will communicate whether the contract you need is simple or complex at your initial consultation.

<sup>5</sup> All Wills include Will execution. We will provide the notary and two witnesses at no extra fee.

<sup>6</sup> Most Wills fall under this category.



<sup>7</sup> In order to obtain this discount, the provisions in the Wills cannot vary significantly.

<sup>8</sup> Trusts are typically highly individualized products. In some cases a flat fee will be offered. In other cases, the hourly rate will apply.