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Please place the following on the next agenda for Executive Session:

Consultation with Attorney, Pending Litigation: Cause No. 22-42526-MXM-13, In Re Robert Walter Bonner

Thanks,

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Hon. Roger Harmon
Johnson County Judge
Johnson County Courthouse
2 North Main Street
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Re: *Representation of County in In Re Robert Walter Bonner, Cause No. 22-42526-mxm13, in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas*

Dear Judge Harmon:

Thank you for selecting our law firm to represent Johnson County in connection with the above referenced cause. This engagement letter is submitted to you for your review and approval.

We are pleased that you are entrusting your work to us. While we cannot guarantee the success of any given matter, we will do our best to provide you with prompt, high quality service. It is important for us to know how our clients feel about the services we provide. If you ever feel that we are not meeting this commitment, or if you have other questions about our relationship, please do not hesitate to call me. We look forward to serving you.

I will have primary responsibility for the representation and will utilize other attorneys and legal assistants in our firm, as we feel necessary or appropriate in our professional judgment. We will take into account many factors in billing for service rendered. I will review the statements before they are sent to determine that the amount charged is appropriate. The principal factors in billing for our services are the time and effort and the hourly rates of the attorneys involved.

Our schedule of hourly rates for attorneys and legal assistants is based on years of experience, specialization and training in practice, and level of professional attainment. The hourly rate for partners in this matter is \$250.00 and, to the extent that other attorneys and legal assistants are involved, their hourly rates are as follows: Associates, \$195.00, and Paralegals, \$95.00.

The firm will bill for its services on a period basis, usually monthly, through billing statements that reflect the fees, expenses, and our out-of-pocket disbursements, incurred during that billing cycle. The periodic statement we will send you will include a confidential computer


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printout describing the services performed by each attorney and paralegal working on this matter. These computer printouts may contain information protected by the attorney-client privilege. The privilege could be waived if someone other than the client sees the privileged material. Therefore, we recommend that you keep all of our bills in a file marked, "attorney-client privileged materials," and maintain the file in a secure location. You understand and agree to submit payment within thirty (30) days of submission. We will also bill for expenses incurred on your behalf during the course of the representation, and will itemize these expenses at regular intervals. Expenses cover costs for travel, private investigators, expert witnesses, court reporting services, outside messengers, etc. Expenses also include costs and overhead for copying, telecopying, telephone, computer services, and in-house messengers. Costs for third-party expenses, including the retention of experts, private investigators, etc., will be incurred only upon first obtaining your verbal or written approval.

Finally, in accordance with requirements imposed on all Texas attorneys, be advised that links to the State Bar of Texas' grievance process and professional requirements, including the Texas Lawyer's Creed, may be found at www.texasbar.com. I look forward to working with you and thank you for your confidence.

Please review the foregoing, and if it meets with your approval, sign a copy of this letter and return it to me.

Sincerely,



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APPROVED AND AGREED

JOHNSON COUNTY

By:



Hon. Roger Harmon
County Judge

Date:

12-12-22