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Traffic Representation Agreement

Waiver of Appearance

The undersigned states that he/she has retained Young, Morphis, Bach & Taylor, LLP ("YMBT") to represent him/her regarding a traffic matter, bearing file number _____, and with an initial court date on the ____ day of _____, 20__ (or as indicated on the enclosed ticket). The undersigned authorizes YMBT to waive his/her appearance and to either continue the case, plead to the original charge or plead to any lesser offense that, in YMBT's discretion, would be in undersigned's best interest. YMBT may employ associate counsel in its own discretion and expense, and any attorney so employed may be designated to appear on the undersigned's behalf or undertake representation in this matter. This agreement, in its entirety, may be provided to the State as evidence of authority to represent the undersigned in this matter.

PJC Notification

The undersigned understands that for drivers licensed in the State of North Carolina there are limitations on the use of a Prayer for Judgment Continued ("PJC"). For insurance purposes, a driver can only obtain one (1) PJC per household every three (3) years. Thus, if members of a household (collectively) receive more than one (1) PJC every three (3) years, their insurance premiums will likely rise. YMBT only has access to the undersigned's North Carolina driving record. Accordingly, the undersigned agrees to inform YMBT, in writing, if other members of his/her household have received a PJC within the last three (3) years. Absent written notification, YMBT shall rely on the undersigned's North Carolina driving record and assume that no other member of the undersigned's household has received a PJC within the last three (3) years. PJCs may or may not be honored in out-of-state jurisdictions.

Those who currently have a commercial driver's license ("CDL"), or were operating a commercial vehicle at the time of the incident, agree to inform YMBT of such, in writing, as the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles ("NCDMV") does not recognize PJCs for these drivers. Unless YMBT received written notification regarding the CDL or commercial vehicle status, YMBT shall assume that the undersigned neither has a CDL nor was operating a commercial vehicle at the time of the incident.

Out of State Drivers

The attorneys of YMBT are licensed to practice law in the State of North Carolina only. Accordingly, YMBT cannot provide guidance as to how a North Carolina traffic offense will affect an out-of-state licensee. Unless otherwise directed in writing, YMBT will assume that the undersigned has not received other traffic citations in North Carolina during the last three (3) years and will use its best judgment in obtaining a plea arrangement based on North Carolina law, North Carolina insurance guidelines and the Nonresident Violator Compact. YMBT hereby advises all out-of-state licensees to consult with an attorney in their home state regarding how various offenses may affect their driving records and insurance rates.

Disclosures

Legal fees and court costs shall be determined based upon the nature of the specific traffic offense. All legal fees and court costs shall be paid in advance. The undersigned understands and agrees that representation on his/her behalf will not be assumed until the quoted legal fees and court costs are paid in full. The undersigned agrees to assume full responsibility for obtaining and forwarding to YMBT all pertinent documentation and information, including, but not limited to out-of-state driving records, proof of insurance, insurance letters, notification of prior accidents, changes of address, and verification of registration and inspection. If YMBT does not receive the applicable documentation, it will assume that it is not available or will not assist in the undersigned's defense. The client shall notify YMBT, in writing, of all pending cases or citations received prior to the final disposition of this matter. Upon written notification to the undersigned, YMBT is allowed to withdraw from representation at any time, with or without cause. YMBT makes no guarantees as to the outcome of this case, nor any representation as to whether the client's insurance company will follow the policies established by the North Carolina Department of Insurance.

Signature

Date

Driver's License #

Print Name

Telephone Number

Email Address