EXHIBIT A to Attorney Fee Contract

ATTORNEY PRIVACY and FILE MAINTENANCE POLICIES

- 1. LAW FIRM PRIVACY POLICY AS TO SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS AND OTHER PRIVATE INFORMATION:
 - a. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS AND DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBERS ARE ONLY USED AS NEEDED AND AS REQUIRED BY LAW.
 - b. THESE PRIVATE NUMBERS ARE USED TO IDENTIFY PARTIES WHETHER FOR INITIAL SERVICE OF COURT DOCUMENTS, FOR CERTAIN COURT ORDERS, IN REQUIRED REPORTS FILED WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS, OR FOR OTHER REQUIRED PURPOSES.
 - c. THESE PRIVATE NUMBERS RECEIVED FROM A CLIENT ARE CONFIDENTIAL, AND ARE NOT RELEASED FROM THE FIRM UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE CLIENT OR REQUIRED BY LAW.
 - d. THE EMPLOYEES OF THE FIRM HAVE ACCESS TO THIS PERSONAL INFORMATION BUT SHALL NOT RELEASE IT WITHOUT ATTORNEY AUTHORIZATION.
 - e. EVERY STEP IS TAKEN TO PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY. YOUR INFORMATION IS KEPT SECURE WITHIN THE FIRM IN FILE FOLDERS, FILE DRAWERS, AND COMPUTERS, UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE FILE INFORMATION IS RETIRED AND THE FILE REMOVED TO STORAGE IN COMPUTER FILES OR A LOCKED STORAGE FACILITY. THE CLIENT INFORMATION WILL EVENTUALLY BE SHREDDED PER PARAGRAPH 4 BELOW, OR OTHERWISE DELETED.
- 2. <u>Protected Health Care Information</u>: If your case involves the disclosure of your protected health care information, you will be given a separate form to authorize us to obtain that information from your health care providers, or to provide that information in the firm's possession to those parties having a right to review that information as part of the legal matter under consideration.
- 3. <u>File Maintenance</u>: During our representation of you, we will be sending you copies of all important contracts, pleadings, letters, notices, and other material which we believe you should review. Our office strives to maintain these documents in digital (paperless) format, so more often these copies shall be in digital format, for ease of retention and portability. You should have a secure place to keep these documents. If you need additional paper copies at any time, we can make those at your expense for our normal copy fees. Clients may control such costs by keeping digital copies. Should you believe your particular file requires an encryption, you should advise us of the form of such encryption. If our office is required to secure encryption software specifically for your case, the cost of that software shall be included in your bill.

4. <u>Disposition of Client Files</u>: At the conclusion of this matter, client is advised that all matters in the client's file shall be returned to client upon request. Client is further advised to retain all confidential information or original documents from attorney's file. Client otherwise authorizes attorney to destroy in a secure manner the information contained in attorney's file after four years from the date the legal service is completed. If you want a copy of your file at any time, we shall deliver it to you in the same format in which the file is maintained in our office. If you desire paper copies of files or data which we have solely maintained in digital format, we will either provide you the digital copies as well as make you the paper copies at an additional expense, or cooperate in delivering your digital file to a copy printing service of your choice so that your selected copies may be made at your expense.

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