YOUTH JUSTICE CORPS, PROJECT OF YOUTH, RIGHTS & JUSTICE

ATTORNEY/CLIENT RETAINER AGREEMENT

Staff

The Youth Justice Corps is a not-for-profit education project affiliated with Youth, Rights & Justice. It is staffed by staff attorneys Brian Baker and Elizabeth Brownhill. Trained pro-bono attorneys will handle individual cases.

Scope of Project Services

Youth Justice Corps (YJC) will provide legal advocacy to children enrolled in Washington County schools and their families on civil legal matters that relate, directly or indirectly, to the child's access to or ability to successfully complete an appropriate educational program. YJC will provide assistance for access, enrollment, suspension/expulsion, special education advocacy, and school placement. YJC will attempt to negotiate settlement with interested parties through dialogue and alternative dispute resolution with school district personnel and local school officials. YJC will consider administrative and judicial remedies**,** but the Client and his/her family understands, and acknowledges by their signature, YJC cannot promise it will undertake any specific form of legal advocacy, such as filing a lawsuit on behalf of client**.** Such decisions will be made by the YJC attorney only, based upon YJC resources and staffing considerations. If YJC cannot provide legal advocacy desired by the Client and his/her family, YJC will transmit referral information for other legal resources for the Client.

Attorney Fees: YJC will not charge a fee to the client.

Legal Representation

YJC and Client can terminate YJC representation at any point during representation with written notice to the party.

Conflict

For purposes of the school advocacy cases, the child is the client of YJC. YJC will endeavor to represent the child and family's wishes regarding project representation. If a conflict emerges between the child and family, YJC will endeavor to assist both parties to reach agreement. Client acknowledges that YJC may need to terminate representation if a conflict between the client and parent poses an ethical conflict to YJC YJC will determine if termination of legal representation is necessary.

Grievance Procedure

YRJ has a grievance procedure in place. Your attorney has the necessary form.

By our signatures below, we acknowledge that we have read or had read to us, the foregoing Attorney/Client agreement and agree to abide by its conditions during legal representation by YJC.

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YJC Volunteer or Staff Attorney Date

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YJC Client Date

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Parent/Guardian of YJC Client Date