

**Real Estate Assessment Group, Inc.
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George Clarke, Esq.

RETAINER AGREEMENT

This Retainer Agreement states that George Clarke, Esq., will serve as exclusive attorney and agent for _____ or the property stated in the attached Authorization.

George Clarke, Esq., may file a grievance against the Board of Assessors to obtain a reduction in real estate taxes. The Petition for judicial review will be filed by in the Supreme Court by George Clarke, Esq., in accordance with Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The Real Estate Assessment Group, Inc., contingency fee is calculated from the tax refund of tax savings that we receive for the client. Specifically, it is agreed that the Assessment Fee is fifty (50%) percent of the tax savings, refund, or settlement. With the exception only of court filing fees, this contingency fee will include and cover all costs and expenses associated with your grievance such as appraisal fees, expert testimony fees, legal fees, travel, document preparation, postage, delivery charges, and office support. Your obligation ceases after George Clarke, Esq., settles the case.

This contingency agreement does not include or cover the cost of any appeals, ancillary proceedings, defenses against any claim, additional legal opinions or service or matters separate and apart from the application for tax reduction that is requested.

Real Estate Appraisals are handled in house, with the cost for such appraisals, and any expert testimony associated with such appraisals, included within the Assessment Group's single, all inclusive contingency fee.

All interest payments made by the municipality will be pro-rated to our fee proposals. The only out-of-pocket expense the client is responsible for is court filing fees, if necessary. Appraisals are handled in house, there is no fee. However, in the event that the case is transferred or stopped by the Petitioner (You), the petitioner would be responsible for all costs involved with the case to date.

By execution of this retainer you authorize George Clarke, Esq., as attorney, to endorse any settlement and/or refund checks that may be received on your behalf so as to deposit same into an escrow account subject to distribution in accordance with this retainer agreement.

Dated: _____

By: _____

AUTHORIZATION

The undersigned, being an aggrieved tax payer, as stated in the Real Property Tax Law (R.P.T.L.), or an officer or principal partner of the aggrieved, hereby authorizes George Clarke, Esq., their agents and/or assigns, or any associate attorney or agent employed by George Clarke, Esq., to act as agent to:

- 1 Negotiate with the assessor and make every effort to conclude a fair and reasonable assessment for the subject property;
- 2 Prepare and serve an official complaint pursuant to Section 512(1) of the R.P.T.L., specifying the subject is either erroneous unequal, or illegal;
- 3 Prepare and file a Petition for judicial review of the subject real property assessment pursuant to Article 7 of the R.P.T.L.;
- 4 George Clarke, Esq., or any attorney or agent employed by George Clarke, Esq., is authorized to represent the undersigned in all proceedings before the Board of Assessment Review and the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and any and all appeals therefrom.

The Authorization allows George Clarke, Esq., their agents and/or assigns, or any associate attorney of their firm to file for assessment and property tax reduction on the following property:

Property Specifics:

DISTRICT SECTION BLOCK LOT(S)

Address :

Address 2 :

Township of :

County of :

Dated: _____

By: _____