

CLIENT AGREEMENT

A custom debt relief program for:







Notice to California Consumers

Disclosures:

- A. There is no guarantee that any particular debt or all of the consumer's enrolled debts will be reduced, eliminated, or otherwise settled. CA Civil Code 1788.302(b)(1)(A)
- B. The deposits made pursuant to the contract will not be distributed to the creditor until a settlement is obtained. This may take months to achieve. <u>CA Civil Code</u> 1788.302(b)(1)(B)
- C. If the consumer stops paying any creditor, any of the following may occur:
 - 1. The creditors may still try to collect.
 - 2. The creditors may sue.
 - 3. If a creditor obtains a judgment against the consumer, the creditor may garnish the consumer's wages or levy the consumer's bank account or accounts, or both garnish the consumer's wages and levy the consumer's bank account or accounts.
 - 4. The consumer's credit score or credit rating may be negatively impacted. CA Civil Code 1788.302(b)(1)(C)
- D. Failing to pay debts on time may adversely affect the consumer's credit rating or credit scores. CA Civil Code 1788.302(b)(1)(D)
- E. Specific results cannot be predicted or guaranteed, and the debt settlement provider cannot require a creditor to negotiate or settle a debt. CA Civil Code 1788.302(b)(1)(E)
- F. A consumer may cancel the debt settlement contract at any time without any penalty. CA Civil Code 1788.302(b)(1)(F)



- G. Debt settlement services may not be suitable for all individuals. CA Civil Code 1788.302(b)(1)(G)
- H. Bankruptcy may provide an alternative to debt settlement. CA Civil Code 1788.302(b)(1)(H)
 - I. Canceled debt may be counted as income under federal tax law, and the consumer may have to pay income taxes on the amount of forgiven or reduced debt. CA Civil Code 1788.302(b)(1)(I)
- J. Many sources of income may be protected from debt collection. Common sources of protected income include disability insurance benefits, life insurance benefits, military benefits, pension plans, retirement benefits, public assistance, social security benefits, supplemental security income (SSI), unemployment benefits, veterans' benefits, workers compensation, and student aid. See form EJ-155 from the Judicial Council for a complete list. CA Civil Code 1788.302(b)(1)(J)
- K. The number of months estimated to enter into settlement agreements that completely resolve all enrolled debts is found on Attachment A. <u>CA Civil Code</u> 1788.302(b)(1)(K)
- L. The conditions that the consumer must satisfy before the debt settlement provider will make a settlement offer to a creditor are: consumer must have deposited an amount equal to or greater than 30% of any account balance listed on Attachment A. CA Civil Code 1788.302(b)(1)(L)
- M. Whether the debt settlement provider pays or receives referral fees. CA Civil Code 1788.302(b)(1)(M). OVLG DOES pay or receive referral fees.



Sample Representation Agreement

This agreement is made by and between Oak View Law Group, A Professional Law Corporation, hereafter referred to as "OVLG", and the undersigned, hereafter referred to as "Client(s)" as their legal counsel for limited scope representation to provide debt resolution services.

Client Name:	
Client Street Address:	
Apartment / Suite#:	
City/State/Zip:	
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Date of Birth:	
Social Security #:	
Client Email:	

Client understands that he/she has (or may have) the following options in handling their debts:

(a) doing nothing; (b) filing for Chapter 7, which will entail the Client losing assets in order to repay the majority, but not all of their debts; (c) filing Chapter 13 Bankruptcy, where client will make payments to a court appointed trustee for a period of 3 to 5 years, after which he/she will not have to pay anything further towards his/her debts; (d) debt settlement where OVLG will attempt to negotiate a lower principal amount and interest rates on Client's debts; and (e) debt management where all of Client's debts will be paid at a reduced interest rate.



Client has chosen debt settlement because Client desires to pay what he/she can afford, on his/her debt, but after evaluation of their financial situation by OVLG, agrees that they cannot afford to repay entire amount. Client also understands that the debt settlement program typically takes between 6 months to 4 years.

SERVICES: Client understands that OVLG will contact his/her creditors, request them to contact OVLG rather than the client, and attempt to reach a satisfactory settlement or payment plan with his/her creditor(s). Client also understands that at least 30% of the debt amount per creditor needs to be accumulated in his/her trust account before OVLG will make a settlement offer to the creditor. OVLG will only be working on the accounts the client requested them to work upon along with any other additional accounts added while he/she is still in the program. Client authorizes OVLG to delegate the services provided to any attorneys or non-attorneys it chooses, to be performed in any matter, and any location OVLG deems appropriate, as authorized by law.

FEES: For this service,

• A fee of _____ of the debt amount will be charged as a success fee. For example, if client owes \$10,000 on an account and OVLG negotiates a reduction on that account to \$6,000, saving Client \$4,000, then OVLG's success fee for that account is 25% of \$10,000, i.e. \$2,500. While calculating the success fee, it will be assumed that the amount owed on any account is the amount owed by the client at the time of enrollment in OVLG's debt settlement program.

Additional legal consultation can be booked at \$100 per hour.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS: OVLG maintain a dedicated trust account for clients at a federally insured financial institution. Client will make payments in the amount mentioned in the ACH form that Client has signed and is attached to this agreement. Client owns all funds held in the account. This balance will applied to the success fees and deducted from trust account when earned.

ESTIMATED COST OF SETTLING: OVLG estimates that all of Client's accounts can be settled in full if Client sets aside a total of \$_____ over a period of _____ months. OVLG bases these estimates on industry trends and its experience, but stresses that these are ESTIMATES only, not guarantees. The length of time and



amount of money necessary to settle Client's debts is an estimate only, which can change depending on the amount Client is able to set-aside, and possible changes in the industry and settlement policies of Client's creditors.

CREDITOR SET-ASIDES: Client will not be making any periodic payments or deposits to creditors. Instead, Client will set aside funds, as Client is able to do so, and may leave or put these funds into any existing or new account that Client chooses. Client may (but is not required to) deposit funds into a bank account recommended by OVLG. If Client elects to do so, that will be at Client's sole discretion, and Client will not be required to make any specific deposits at any time. Wherever Client chooses to accumulate the funds to be paid to creditors, Client will let OVLG know the amount of funds available. OVLG will then endeavor to obtain settlement proposals from Creditors that are consistent with Client's ability to pay, and transmit these offers to Client. OVLG may make recommendations regarding these proposals to Creditors, but the amount Client pays to any Creditor, and whether Client accepts any of these offers, is the final decision of Client. Client understands that OVLG will not distribute, supervise, coordinate, or control the distribution of any of Client's funds to Creditors.

NO PRACTICE OF LAW IN CLIENT'S STATE OF RESIDENCE: Client understands that OVLG employs attorneys licensed in California and is contracted with attorneys in a few other states, but OVLG may not currently employ attorneys licensed in the Client's state of residence. Thus, OVLG will not be engaging in the practice of law in Client's state of residence. OVLG will provide general information to Client regarding Client's rights and options under Federal statutes, such as the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Federal Trade Commission Act, Federal Tax Laws and the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. OVLG will not provide any advice to client concerning laws specific to Client's state of residence unless it is from an attorney licensed in Client's state of residence. Client understands and has been informed that, according to the best of OVLG's information and research, the activities to be undertaken by OVLG pursuant to this agreement are not deemed to be the practice of law in Client's state of residence. In the event that such activities become deemed to be the practice of law in Client's state of residence, then OVLG will hire an attorney licensed in Client's state of residence who will be responsible for client's case, or if unable to do so, will refund the fees paid by Client.

LAWSUITS: In the event that a lawsuit is filed against Client, OVLG will attempt to negotiate a settlement and/or payment arrangement acceptable to Client, and if that is



not possible, then OVLG will explain the other options available to Client. Client is not hiring OVLG to represent him/her in any lawsuit, file or prepare any documents for him/her to file in court, or attend any court hearings. If Client wants OVLG to represent him/her or provide further assistance in any court proceeding, there will be additional fees involved.

BANKRUPTCY: OVLG's fee for a Chapter 7 will be \$1,800, and for a Chapter 13, \$3,000 down, plus the remaining fees to be set by the court and paid through the court appointed trustee.

NO GUARANTEE: Client understands that not all creditors or debt collectors will accept a reduction in the balance, interest rate, or fees that Client owes to them. So, there can be no guarantee that any particular creditor, or Client's creditors as a whole, will settle for any particular amount. OVLG has based all estimates on industry trends and its experience, but stresses these are projected estimates, not guarantees. The length of time to settle Client's debts and the number of payments needed to make a settlement of all accounts is an estimate only, and can change according to timeliness of Client setasides and possible changes in creditor's settlement policies.

ACCOUNT DELINQUENCY: Client understands that his/her accounts will become delinquent during the settlement program, and unless the accounts become delinquent it is unlikely that any settlement for a substantial savings will occur. Client also understands that creditors may raise interest rates while Client is in this program, and that late fees, penalties, and interest will continue to accrue on Client's debts until a settlement offer has been made, accepted, and paid.

CREDITOR HARASSMENT: Client understands that while the completion of the represented debt-relief services is still pending, Client's creditors or debt collectors may pursue collection efforts, including initiation of lawsuits. Client may continue to receive phone calls from creditors even after OVLG has notified the creditors not to contact Client. Client agrees to keep a log, in the "Secure client area" on OVLG's website, of contacts by creditors, including the name and phone number of the calling creditor, the date and time of the call, and a brief summary of the conversation and forward this log to OVLG in a timely manner as evidence so OVLG may address the situation accordingly.



TIMING OF SETTLEMENTS: Client understands that a settlement will not be reached with a creditor until Client has accumulated enough funds to make a lump sum payoff in accordance with this agreement.

TAX CONSEQUENCES: Client understands that savings realized from the use of a debtrelief service may be taxable income. Client may be liable for federal and state taxes in the amount of the debt forgiven by Client's creditors. Therefore, the use of the debt-relief service is likely to affect Client's creditworthiness adversely, may result in being sued by Client's creditors, and may increase the amount owed to creditors as a result of the accrued interest and additional fees.

CREDIT RATING: Client has not hired OVLG to provide any "Credit Repair" services. Client acknowledges that a debt settlement may result in derogatory credit information being transmitted to the credit reporting agencies by Client's creditors. Once the debt is settled, Client's credit report will show "settled for less than full amount," "paid as agreed," or "paid settled". Client has hired OVLG solely to settle Client's debts, not to improve his/her credit rating.

FEES IN CASE OF DROPOUT: Client can stop working with OVLG without any penalty. The Trust Account balance will be refunded within 7 business days (minus any FEES OVLG has earned).

NO RESULT REFUND POLICY: For Oak View Law Group, clients come first. If for any reason Client is not satisfied with OVLG's services, Client should send a fax to OVLG President, attention "Mr. Virendra Kalani" at 800-637-6854, and tell OVLG why Client is unhappy with OVLG's services. If OVLG cannot help Client, OVLG will refund the trust account balance, less any fees for success earned within 7 business days.

START DATE OF SERVICES: In order to ensure timely attorney approval, the documents must be signed and faxed back to OVLG within 72 hours of receipt. The start date of the services is the date when the first payment is received.

ARBITRATION AND VENUE: Any dispute concerning the services referred to in this agreement shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of the State of California, and will be settled by arbitration in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. All such proceedings will take place in Santa Clara County, California, or, at Client's election, in Client's county of residence. Any



award rendered by the arbitrator will be binding upon each of the parties and is not appealable. Any court of competent jurisdiction can confirm and enforce any arbitration award. By entering into this contract both parties are waiving their constitutional right to have any dispute decided in a Court of Law before a judge or jury, and instead are accepting arbitration as their exclusive method for the resolution of disputes.

CLASS ACTION WAIVER: Client and OVLG may only bring claims against each other in an individual capacity and not as a class representative or a class member in a class or representative action.

ENFORCEABILITY: Client understands that OVLG has exercised its best efforts to ensure that this agreement complies with all applicable state and federal laws as of the date entered into. There is always the possibility, however, that new laws will be enacted, or that new interpretations will be made of existing laws. If any provision of this agreement is determined by any court, bar association, or other governmental agency to be contrary to applicable laws or rules, then such provision shall be interpreted so as to best accomplish the objectives of the original provision to the fullest extent allowed by law and Client will cooperate with OVLG in amending this Agreement so that its provisions are consistent with such laws, rules, and regulations.

TERMINATION: Client understands that he/she may terminate this agreement at any time by giving a written notice, and OVLG may terminate this agreement upon 30 days' written notice for Client's failure to cooperate or provide accurate and necessary information on a timely basis, failure to pay any fees OVLG is entitled to under this contract, failure to set aside sufficient funds to make settlements to creditors, and for other good and reasonable cause. If this legal representation agreement is terminated by OVLG, OVLG will return all the funds in Client's trust account.

DATA RETENTION: OVLG retains Client data for 60 days post account closure. After the 60-day data retention period ends, OVLG deletes all client data from the system and data is considered unrecoverable. Client needs to notify OVLG prior to the data retention period ends, if they would like to keep the data on OVLG systems for more than 60 days.

MISCELLANEOUS: OVLG can use any written or video Testimonial received from Client for the marketing of OVLG and its services.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Client and OVLG have executed this Agreement as this day of//	of
Client Signature :	
Client Name: Client SSN #:	
Lyle Solomon (Principal Attorney)	



ATTACHMENT A

DEBT SETTLEMENT GOOD FAITH ESTIMATE

FLAT FEE

1. LIST OF COLLECTION CLAIMANTS TO BE SETTLED:

Account No.	Creditor(s)	Current Balance				
Total						
	TOTAL D	TOTAL DEBT TO BE SETTLED				
	CLIENT N	CLIENT MONTHLY DEPOSITS				
	OVLG FL	OVLG FLAT FEE PERCENTAGE				

2. PROGRAM TIME ESTIMATE:

Based on the debt listed above, we estimate that it will take ____ months to enter into settlement agreements that completely resolve all enrolled debts.