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DATE: November 2, 2017  
TO: Derek Riley  
Law Offices of Christian Schank and Associates  
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Riverside, CA 92501

FROM: ERIC BLUM and DAVID HESSELTINE, Co-Chairs  
Mandatory Fee Arbitration Committee

RE: MANDATORY FEE ARBITRATION CASE NUMBER  
#NV-017-6360

Dear Mr. Riley:

A Petition to Arbitrate a Fee Dispute has been filed with the Orange County Bar Association by Melissa Wolfenbarger. The fee dispute is subject to Mandatory Fee Arbitration as set forth in Business & Professions Code 6200, et seq..

The Notice of Attorney Responsibility and a copy of the Orange County Bar Association's Rules of Procedure for Mandatory Fee Arbitration have been enclosed for your information. Also enclosed is a form entitled "Attorney's Reply to Petition to Arbitrate." This form must be completed and returned, along with three (3) copies, to the Orange County Bar Association within twenty (20) days from the date of this letter. Be sure to send an additional copy of your Attorney's Reply directly to the client requesting arbitration or his/her representative.

Once we have received your response or after twenty (20) days have passed, the matter will be assigned to an arbitrator. The assigned arbitrator(s) are responsible for determining jurisdiction. Any issues regarding jurisdiction will be forwarded to the arbitrator(s) upon assignment. The OCBA staff cannot decide issues of jurisdiction. You will be notified by the presiding or sole arbitrator of the scheduled hearing date.

If you have not received a copy of the Petition to Arbitrate a Fee Dispute from the petitioning client, please contact the Orange County Bar Association's Client Services Department at 949/440-6700.

Enclosures

c: Melissa Wolfenbarger

ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MANDATORY FEE ARBITRATION

In the matter of

Melissa Wolfenbarger

Client(s)

And

Derek Riley

Attorney(s)

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY RESPONSIBILITY

FILE NO. # NV-017-6360

To Attorney Derek Riley:

This proceeding is being conducted under the provisions of Business and Professions Code sections 6200-6206. PLEASE BE ADVISED that if (1) the client in this matter is awarded a refund of previously paid fees and/or costs; or (2) you and the client reach a mediated agreement which includes a refund of previously paid fees and or costs and you do not comply with that award once it has become final, or the written mediated agreement, the State Bar of California may place you on temporary inactive status until the award or agreement requiring such refund is paid.

If you believe that you are not personally responsible for any potential refund of fees and/or costs to the client, you must notify this program in writing of the name and address of the responsible attorney(s) within twenty days of this notice. Failure to do so may result in being held personally responsible for any refund and subject to possible enforcement under the provisions of Business and Professions Code section 6203(d). Any person designated by you as the responsible attorney will be added as a party to the proceeding at the option of the client after the client is notified of your designation.

If there is a dispute over responsibility for the fees and/or costs, the arbitrator(s) will determine responsibility based upon the evidence presented in arbitration. Any communications in this regard should be mailed to this program at the following address with a copy provided to the client:

ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MANDATORY FEE ARBITRATION
Post Office Box 6130
Newport Beach, California 92658

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that this Notice was sent by first class mail to the above name parties on 11/2/2017.

ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
FEE ARBITRATION STAFF

c: Client(s)