

**LEGAL SERVICES RETAINER AGREEMENT
FOR
BRACKETT
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Brackett Independent School District (hereinafter "District"), acting by and through the authorized Trustee or Employee whose signature appears below, hereby retains the law firm of Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Aldridge & Gallegos, P.C. (hereinafter "Law Firm"), to provide the services to the District set forth below.

1. Telephone Consultation: The Law Firm shall provide telephone consultation at no charge to the District's Board President, Superintendent, Special Education Director, or designee pertaining to questions arising out of the general operation of the District. The District shall have access to a statewide toll-free telephone number for calls to the Law Firm.
2. Additional Legal Work: The District shall be entitled to reduced hourly rates for additional legal work over and above general telephone consultation. Examples of such additional legal work are research, opinion letters, and legal advice or representation in adversarial matters. Expenses incurred by the Law Firm in providing such additional legal work shall be charged.
3. Publications: The Law Firm shall provide at no charge the monthly publication *This Just In*, dealing with special education law issues, and the bi-monthly general school law publication *Time Out with Walsh Anderson*, both published by the Law Firm.
4. E-mail Updates: The Law Firm shall send periodic e-mail updates to designated District personnel and trustees relating to developments in school law. The content and publication schedule of such updates shall be determined solely by the Law Firm.
5. Retainer Term and Cost: There shall be a fee of \$1,000.00 for this Retainer Agreement due upon execution and annually thereafter on the anniversary of the execution date below. This Retainer Agreement shall remain in effect until notice of cancellation is received.
6. Scope of Attorney-Client Relationship: This Retainer Agreement establishes a limited attorney-client relationship only between the Law Firm and the District. The relationship exists only as to the consultations and additional legal work that are initiated by the District and accepted by the Law Firm pursuant to this Agreement. The Retainer Agreement does not impose any duty upon the Law Firm to provide advice or

work to the District regarding legal matters absent a request by the District's Board President, Superintendent, Special Education Director, or designee for such advice or work on a matter. The Law Firm and the District acknowledge and represent that this Agreement does not establish an attorney-client relationship between the Law Firm and any individual Trustees or Employees of the District. If a lawsuit or other adversarial matter is brought against the District and/or any Trustee or Employee of the District, the Law Firm may require the execution of one or more separate Letters of Engagement prior to undertaking an attorney-client relationship in the matter.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 2009.

BRACKETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Title)

WALSH, ANDERSON, BROWN, ALDRIDGE & GALLEGOS, P.C.

By: _____
Oscar G. Treviño
Managing Shareholder

WALSH, ANDERSON,
BROWN, ALDRIDGE
& GALLEGOS, P.C.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

**FEE SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 1, 2007
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For retainer program clients

Annual retainer fee is \$1,000 billed each year on the anniversary of the client joining the program.

Telephone consultation with school officials in this program regarding general routine legal matters is free of charge. The firm has toll-free telephone numbers that are made available to these clients.

An hourly rate of \$170/hour for associates licensed less than one year, \$180/hour for associates licensed one to two years, \$215/hour for associates licensed over two years, or \$235/hour for shareholders is charged for time spent on research, opinion letters, office visits, board meetings, and other work of a general nature.

For matters requiring more in-depth work, such as document review, negotiation of a contract, grievance, nonrenewal, review of constructions documents, litigation, administrative appeals, and the like, all time, including telephone calls, is charged at the current hourly retainer rates shown above, plus expenses. A new file is set up so that the billings show legal fees attributable to that particular matter.

For non-retainer program clients

An hourly rate of \$170/hour for associates licensed less than one year, \$180/hour for associates licensed one to two years, \$235/hour for associates licensed over two years, or \$255/hour for shareholders is charged for time spent on any work, including all telephone calls, office visits, litigation, research, opinion letters, hearings, and the like.

The above rates are subject to change at any time.