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Re: WAKEFIELD LEGAL, COVID-19 POLICIES

Dear Current and Potential Clients,

We want to assure you that we are here to serve you. While the rules of court are rapidly evolving in response to this public health emergency, the legal community is also rapidly implementing creative solutions to obtain legal relief as we work to get our worldwide community back to a state of wellbeing that supports business as usual.

Emergency relief: As of today's date the civil court is continuing to hear emergent matters by telephone and video conference, depending on the court.

Non-emergent contested matters: We continue to prepare non-emergent contested motions and we are noting them with May court dates at this time. We are also encouraging parties to agree to arbitration for more timely decisions, which will carry the same binding effect as a court order.

Agreed matters: If you have a CR2A or Separation Contract in place, which was drafted with our office, please be assured that these documents are binding and effective upon the date of signing. Depending on the nature of the agreed orders, the timeline to get them entered with the court remains in flux.

Attorney/Client Meetings: Our office is in full compliance with social distancing and all meetings are being conducted by telephone and video-conference at this time.

Electronic Payments: At this time, we will not be accepting written checks or cash as this would require unnecessary trips to the bank and would counter the enormous social distancing effort that our community is engaged in. Payments must be made exclusively via a LawPay link that will be sent to the client via email by our paralegals. LawPay is a secure banking service specifically serving attorneys.

Sharing Pleadings and Other Documents: Our office has historically used Dropbox for the majority of document sharing. Until further notice, we will not be receiving documents by other means, unless mailed by court staff. We ask that clients share all necessary documents,

pleadings, and other correspondence electronically, by email or by uploading to the dropbox share file.

Please do not hesitate to ask for clarification on any of the above matters. We realize that this is a stressful time, which comes during a period of pre-existing crisis for the majority of our clients. Please be patient and understanding of our need to prioritize emergent safety issues in a rapidly evolving court system. We are all in this together and we assure you that your matter will be handled timely and appropriately in the context of current events.

Sincerely,

Anne Wakefield
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