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LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT
Domestication of Foreign Judgment in New Jersey

Dear Out-of-State Attorney:

You have inquired about retaining our firm to domesticate a foreign judgment in the State of New Jersey. The purpose of this letter is to summarize the terms of your engagement of our representation and to outline the steps we will take on your behalf in accordance with the rules and procedures governing judgment domestication in New Jersey.

New Jersey State Courts are required to give full faith and credit to all sister-state judgments. To domesticate an out-of-state money judgment in New Jersey, the first step is for you to obtain an exemplified, triple-sealed record of your out-of-state judgment from the court in which it was entered. This record will generally be signed and sealed by three people, including at least one judge or magistrate, at least one clerk, and sometimes a prothonotary. To avoid any misunderstanding when obtaining this document, you should explain to the clerk that you intend to file and enforce the judgment in another state. This should ensure that you are provided the proper type of record for this purpose. Please note: exemplified judgment copies are valid for 90 days only. If your copy expires before it is filed in New Jersey you will need to return to the Clerk's office in your home state to obtain a new copy.

If your judgment was obtained by default, then in addition to the exemplified judgment, you will also need to provide a copy of your state law statutes governing the process for obtaining a judgment on default of appearance, as well as the time limit for the debtor to move to vacate the judgment. While you obtain the exemplified judgment (and statutes, if applicable), we will simultaneously prepare an Affidavit in Support of our request for domestication. This Affidavit will need to be signed by an authorized principal of the judgment creditor or the creditor's attorney. Once we have the exemplified copy of your judgment and the signed supporting Affidavit, we will promptly file both documents in New Jersey in the county in which the judgment debtor resides. We will then serve the debtor with a Notice of Entry of the domesticated judgment, and fourteen days thereafter you will be free to attempt to collect on the judgment.

To commence performance of the services described above, we require a nonrefundable retainer fee in the amount of \$1,800, as well as \$35 for the Court's filing fee. These fees are nonrefundable even if we are unable to successfully domesticate your out-of-state judgment due to forces beyond our control.

In the rare instance that the debtor retains counsel and initiates adversarial proceedings, our services will include any work associated with adversarial litigation proceedings, at an additional fee of \$250 per hour.

After the judgment has been domesticated, you may wish to enlist our firm to execute the judgment and collect the funds from the debtor. If we agree to execute the judgment on your behalf, we can discuss the different payment options that we offer, such as an hourly fee, contingency fee, or hybrid, depending on the circumstances and your preference.

Please sign and return this letter to indicate your assent to the terms of this agreement. We look forward to working with you on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Kimmel, Esq.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Authorized Signatory