



INITIAL CONSULTATION FEE AGREEMENT

An initial consultation serves three basic purposes: 1) for the lawyer to determine whether he or she can represent the potential client, 2) for the lawyer and potential client to determine whether they want to work together, and 3) for the lawyer to explain how the representation will proceed if the potential client decides to retain the lawyer.

A lawyer cannot represent every person who calls. Lawyers are required to follow many ethical rules. The initial consultation gives the lawyer a chance to determine whether representing the potential client would create an ethical violation such as a conflict of interest prior to the commencement of the representation.

A lawyer does not have to represent every person who contacts him/her. Because a lawyer and client work closely together for what could be years, the initial consultation presents an opportunity for both to decide whether they want to work together.

Lawyers cannot provide legal advice during an initial consultation. People often expect to have all their legal questions answered at this first meeting, at little or no cost. Lawyers are actually not supposed to give legal advice until they have been formally retained, which usually requires a signed fee agreement and payment. This protects the lawyer from having to decline future clients because of a conflict of interest created by the consultation, and it protects the potential client from being misinformed about a situation the lawyer hasn't had a chance to thoroughly research.

During the initial consult, however, lawyers are permitted to provide the potential client with information about the legal process. For example, a lawyer can describe the process of incorporating a startup and the fees involved, but should not discuss whether a company should elect to be an LLC or a corporation until the representation officially begins.

Borg Law Group charges an initial consultation fee of \$350, which is due prior to the initial consultation appointment and is non-refundable. However, if the potential client retains Borg Law Group by signing an engagement within sixty (60) days of the initial consultation, such \$350 consultation fee paid shall be applied to the first month's bill or flat fee payment (depending on the payment arrangement made). The Initial Consultation fee of **\$350** can either be paid via check **prior to the meeting** OR by Credit Card. If paying by Credit Card, please complete the Authorization form below and fax to 702-318-8801 or email to matt@borqlawgroup.com prior to the initial meeting.

I _____, authorize BORG LAW GROUP to charge \$ 350.00 on my credit card for the initial consultation fee as explained above. I understand that this authorization is valid and cannot be canceled while a financial obligation is outstanding.

Type of Card (Circle One): Visa Master Card American Express Discover

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Billing Address (Street, State & Zip): _____

Signature _____