

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR CONDITIONAL U.S. LAWFUL RESIDENT CARD AND TEMPORARY WORK AND TRAVEL PERMISSION

This Contract for Professional Legal Services will confirm the terms under which our firm will represent You and Your Spouse to the best of our ability and experience in connection with the securing of the CONDITIONAL U.S. LAWFUL RESIDENT CARD AND TEMPORARY WORK AND TRAVEL PERMISSION. (These are also called respectively “Green Card” and “Red Card”.)

1. **Legal Petitions Preparation, Case Processing and Information Assistance**

We will assist, counsel and advise You, Your Spouse and Family Member with appropriate questionnaires, document lists, articles and handouts on securing the Conditional U.S. Lawful Resident Card, currently a Two (2) Year Card, with Work and Travel Permission. We will prepare all required legal petitions, binders and supporting documents for filing with USCIS (U.S. Immigration) with the highest level of standards to encourage prompt and expeditious processing by government officials, within a reasonable time consistent with the other work in our office and vacation or other out-of-office schedule. (This contract does NOT include attorney work on appeals, motions for reconsideration or to re-open, or the Petition to Remove Conditions on the Conditional U.S. Lawful Resident Card.)

The current method of securing the Conditional U.S. Lawful Resident Card and Work and Travel Permission is the filing of various Legal Petitions with USCIS (U.S. Immigration). Your Spouse or Family Member will be required to submit to Biometrics Digital Fingerprint and Digital Photograph at local Application Support Center. Because we do not control the U.S. Government or its processes or procedures, we cannot pledge or promise or guarantee a time certain for action by the U.S. government or local authorities. But we will provide You, Your Spouse and Family Member with our best estimates of processing time based on past experience and current government information, and endeavor to minimize delays and difficulties so as to produce maximum efficiency, in particular by anticipating and avoiding potential problems before they occur.

2. **Contact with the USCIS (U.S. Immigration)**

Our office will agree to handle all telephone, fax, E-mail and mail contact with USCIS (U.S. Immigration), if appropriate to your case, requested by you but limited by and in accordance with what we counsel you to be appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances.

3. **USCIS (U.S. Immigration) Legal Forms and Preparation Documents and Information Assistance**

We will prepare all USCIS (U.S. Immigration) Legal Petitions and send them to you for your review and appropriate signatures by You and Your Spouse or Family Member. We will also later in the case provide you Preparatory Information about the Immigration Interview at local Immigration Field Office. We expect and require that you and Spouse or Family Member will answer all questions at Interview truthfully and conduct yourselves in a civil and compliant manner. We will answer any and all reasonable questions of reasonable number about the case, the Interview and related process. In case of excessive number of or repetitive E-mail or Telephone Questions, we reserve the right to limit our answers at our discretion. We do not answer questions about or based on other people’s cases or information.

4. **Contact with Spouse or Family Member**

We will E-mail, fax or telephone your Spouse or Family Member, with your knowledge and consent, where it is appropriate, and answer questions and problems, which are reasonable in nature and in number.

5. **Client Updates, Case Status and Attorney Answers to Questions**

We will keep you advised of all significant developments in your case. We will answer all reasonable questions of a reasonable number during business hours. In case of excessive number of or repetitive E-mail or Telephone questions, we reserve the right to limit our answers at our discretion. We do not answer questions about or based on other people's cases or information. We also encourage you to check the U.S. Immigration Office Website (www.uscis.gov) for routine case status 24/7. Our office is open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM U.S. Eastern time for telephone calls, E-mails, and faxes, but you may call at other times as well and receive a response. On the other hand, our office is small and when staff is not immediately available due to special circumstances or problems, please leave a message and we will call you back in 24 hours or less, except for holidays and weekends and pre-scheduled vacation and business trips, in which case, we will respond to you immediately as soon as we are available.

6. **Attorney Ethics and Our Expectations of You and Your Spouse and Family Member**

For our part, we agree to the highest level of Attorney-Client confidentiality and Work-Product privilege in our representation and case-handling. Our expectation of you is that we expect that You, Your Spouse and Family Member will cooperate reasonably for requests for information and documents. We expect full and truthful answers to our questions from You, Your Spouse and Family Member and, on that basis, we prepare legal petitions and represent You, Your Spouse and Family Member.

7. **Fees and Refunds – Mail and Copies**

Our Attorney Fee for Current Year for New Clients is **\$1,500.00** flat fee which is due in full no later than when your petitions are ready for filing with USCIS (U.S. Immigration). We must receive full payment before mailing copy of the petitions to your U.S. address or any other place of your choice. USCIS Filing Fees: For each I-485 Petition for Persons Over 14 Years of Age **\$1,225.00**. No USCIS Filing Fee for I-765 Petition (Work) and I-131 Petition (Travel) and I-864 (Affidavit of Support) if filed at same time with I-485 Petition. All Checks or Money Orders accepted, payable to "Law Offices of Gary G. Bala" or "Gary G. Bala". Minimum Retainer-Deposit for Administrative Work: Initial Consultation, Interview and File Opening (NON- REFUNDABLE) is: **\$350.00**. Credit & Debit Card and PayPal payments accepted online on our Website for Deposits Only. **REPEAT CLIENTS ARE TYPICALLY OFFERED A DISCOUNTED ATTORNEY FEE.** Under most normal circumstances, we will NOT charge you for copy costs, telephone, fax or E-mail costs or mailing or postage costs with the exception of any special overnight delivery or special international delivery charges but only if this service is requested by you. Our normal mail method of delivery with no charge to you is: First-Class postage pre-paid or U.S. Priority Mail, as deemed appropriate by us. Official legal U.S. filings with the U.S. Government are done U.S. Priority Mail, Delivery Confirmation at no charge to you. We agree to provide you with a complete copy of all petitions and documents submitted on your behalf to any U.S. Government office at no charge to you. Normally, we do not consider refunds for cases accepted and work commenced. In unusual circumstances where we have accepted the case but have not commenced meaningful work, we will consider a request for a refund of 50% of our fee, less all actual costs incurred by our office for any reason. (*Fees listed here do NOT include USCIS (U.S. Immigration) Fees paid by You, Your Spouse or Family Member directly to them.)

8. **Required Translations of Documents to English or Spouse or Family Member's Native Language**

You are responsible for the translation of any English documents to your Family Member's native language if necessary, and the translation of any of your Family Member's native language documents to English if necessary. We may offer recommendations as to translators. We can also offer you the Translation Service at an extra charge. In most cases, the Documents required to be translated into English have already been translated into English beforehand for the underlying Fiancée Visa Process.

9. **Confidentiality and Privacy**

Our office agrees to keep all information and documents submitted to us from You, Your Spouse and Family Member confidential and private in accordance with all rules concerning Attorney-Client confidentiality. You, Your Spouse and Family Member agree to keep all information and documents generated by our office, including all Petitions, Papers, and Interview preparation documents and handouts, confidential and private from public disclosure to any third party or the Internet, in accordance with all rules concerning Attorney Work-Product privilege.

10. **WAIVER: Criminal, Multiple-Visa or Adam Walsh Sex Offender Waiver**

If a Criminal or Multiple-Visa or Adam Walsh Sex Offender Waiver applies to your case and is otherwise required under applicable laws, and if we agree to handle such Waiver, then we will undertake to help secure the Waiver from USCIS (U.S. Immigration) to our best ability. Our Attorney Fee for Waiver Request for Current Year will vary. However, it is a flat fee which is additional to all other fees and costs and which is due in full no later than when your Waiver Request is ready for filing. You, Your Spouse and Family Member will be expected to provide any information, documents, and statements or affidavits to assist in securing the Waiver. We cannot guarantee or assure that the Waiver will be approved by USCIS (U.S. Immigration). We also cannot guarantee or assure any particular timeframe for decision on your Waiver Request by USCIS (U.S. Immigration).

11. **Release and Waiver of Liability**

The Petitioner, Spouse and Family Member hereby agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless and extend immunity to Gary Ganesh Bala and Law Offices of Gary Ganesh Bala and their agents and representatives for any and all liability, claims, demands, charges and causes of action of any kind arising in any way, shape or form from this contract.

REQUIRED DISCLAIMERS:

1. BECAUSE U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS AND GOVERNMENT RULES CHANGE FREQUENTLY AND SOMETIMES WITH LITTLE OR NO NOTICE, OUR POLICY IS NOT TO PREDICT OR ASSURE THAT A GIVEN SET OF RULES WILL ALWAYS STAY THE SAME AND BE APPLIED TO YOUR CASE EXACTLY AS IT WAS IN PAST CASES.
2. BECAUSE WE DO NOT CONTROL THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OR ITS PROCESSES, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE OR ASSURE THE SPEED OR TIMING OF THE CASE PROCESS OR RESULT.
3. BECAUSE THE APPROVAL OF A CASE PETITION AND ISSUANCE OF A CONDITIONAL U.S. LAWFUL RESIDENT CARD AND TEMPORARY WORK AND TRAVEL PERMISSION IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND CONDITIONED UPON THE FULFILLING OF ALL IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS BY THE PETITIONER AND SPOUSE AND FAMILY MEMBER, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE OR ASSURE WHAT THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE WILL DO IN A GIVEN CASE.
4. WE MAINTAIN AND STORE ALL FILES FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) YEARS FROM DATE OF FILE OPENING.

WE REQUEST AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE THAT YOU CAN GIVE US TO ALLOW US TO PREPARE FOR AND DELIVER OUR IMMIGRATION AND PETITION SERVICES. THANK YOU.

Thank you for your confidence in our service, and we look forward to working with You, Your Spouse and Family Member to accomplish your Immigration Benefits.

I HAVE READ ALL THREE (3) PAGES OF THIS CONTRACT AND AGREE TO IT AND ACCEPT IT ON THIS DATE _____:

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