

Rules Concerning Attorney's Fees

Article 1. (Purpose)

The purpose of these Rules shall be to provide for necessary matters concerning fees of each attorney and legal profession corporation, hereinafter included in the term "attorney", in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 87 of the Articles of Association of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations and Article 19 of the Rules Concerning Legal Profession Corporations.

Article 2. (Attorney's Fees)

Attorney's fees shall be appropriate and commensurate with economic benefits, complexity of the matter, time and labor required, etc.

Article 3. (Preparation of Fee Criteria and their Retention)

1. An attorney shall establish criteria for attorney's fees and the criteria shall be retained in his/her office.
2. The criteria provided in the preceding paragraph shall specify classifications and respective amounts of attorney's fees, calculation methods, due dates of payment, and other items necessary to calculate amounts of attorney's fees.

Article 4. (Estimate of Attorney's Fees)

Upon a request by a person who is willing to request an attorney to undertake a legal matter, the attorney should endeavor to prepare and deliver an estimate of attorney's fees based upon the context of the legal matter.

Article 5. (Explanation of Attorney's Fees and Preparation of Fee Agreements)

1. Upon acceptance of a legal matter, an attorney shall explain to the client about the attorney's fees and other expenses.
2. An attorney shall prepare a written contract including the items relating to the attorney's fees; provided, that if there are any difficulties to prepare such a written contract, the attorney shall prepare it once conditions permit.
3. Notwithstanding the provision of the preceding paragraph, if the contracted legal matter is legal consultation, preparation of simple documents or those based on the continuing contract such as a retainer agreement, or in there is other reasonable justification, a written contract is not required to be prepared.
4. The written contract provided in the provision of paragraph 2 above shall set forth the identity and scope of the legal matter to be contracted, the category, amount, calculation method and due date of payment of attorney's fees, a notice to the effect that the contract may be terminated at any time before the conclusion of the contracted legal matter, and the

settlement method of attorney's fees in case that the contract is terminated before the conclusion of the matter.

Article 6. (Provision of Information)

An attorney should endeavor to disclose and provide his/her information on attorney's fees.

Supplementary Provisions

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2004.
2. Attorney's fees for every legal matter contracted by an attorney before these Rules come into force shall remain subject to the former provisions.

Supplementary Provision

Revised Paragraph 4 of Article 5 shall come into force on April 1, 2009.