Retainer Agreement (Scope of Work)

I, the CLIENT, agree to retain attorney Shannon C. Stahlin, Esq., (ATTORNEY) for legal representation in the following scope: The preparation and potential filing of a trademark registration application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), including general responses to Office Actions, Refusals and Requests for Amendments.

The CLIENT understands that the flat fee paid to ATTORNEY will be placed in an IOLTA Trust Account until earned by ATTORNEY.   Though representation may continue under the scope of this agreement, the entire flat fee paid to ATTORNEY will be earned upon the completion of any of the following: a registration application is filed with the USPTO, or three hours of actual work is devoted to the CLIENT'S account. Half of the flat fee will be earned after the ATTORNEY completes the trademark conflict research and presents an opinion summary to CLIENT.

The CLIENT understands that responses to substantive Office Actions, such as Merely Descriptive Refusals or Likelihood of Confusion Refusals, will not be automatically handled and are explicitly excluded from this agreement. If such measures are required, CLIENT and ATTORNEY will discuss required action, which may include further representation in responding to such Office Action at a billable rate of $200/hour.

Further, CLIENT understands that ATTORNEY does not typically handle appeals and appearances before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB). If such representation is required, ATTORNEY will provide a referral.

Further, CLIENT understand that he/she will be responsible for USPTO filing fees, which are typically $275 per classification.

Further, CLIENT understands and agrees that there are no guarantees in the success of obtaining a federal trademark registration, despite ATTORNEY'S reasonable efforts.

Further, CLIENT has read and agrees to all additional Terms of Use on StahlinLaw.com

Date:

(CLIENT) Signature:

(CLIENT) Print name, position: