#### **ETHICAL DISCLOSURE**

Legal ethics require that you be given an explanation of “dual representation” and that we obtain your consent before we undertake dual representation. Dual representation occurs when a lawyer represents two or more clients at the same time on the same matter. You may have differing interests, if not potential or actual conflicts of interest. These differing interests may affect the lawyer’s ability to serve each of you with independent legal advice. For example, you may have differing desires regarding the continuation of your relationship. If each of you had a separate lawyer, each of you would have an “advocate” and would receive totally independent advice.

On the other hand, in amicable circumstances where each of you apparently shares the same objectives, the use of one lawyer or firm can assist in developing a coordinated overall plan, encouraging the resolution of possible differing interests, and, of course, producing cost savings and efficiencies.

By requesting dual representation, each of you is authorizing us as your lawyers and law firm to use the information intended to be used and shared for the success of your application for this immigration benefit. This means that we will not keep information confidential between the two parties during the course of our representation. Occasionally, there are instances when the lawyer discovers information that one client does not want the other to know. If such information shall become know to us, then you hereby grant us the right to withdraw from representing you upon proper notice without revealing the confidential information or any particular information as to the reason for the withdrawal. And in any event, each of you acknowledges that we will not reveal such confidential information without your consent and you acknowledge and consent to this limitation on our representation, even though such confidentiality may affect your application.

After considering these factors, each of you must decide whether the lawyer and law firm will continue to represent both of you in connection with your immigration case. If in the future either of you wishes to have the advice of a separate lawyer, you can do so. Finally, upon the request of either of you, we are obligated to withdraw from representing both of you.

### **CONSENT TO DUAL REPRESENTATION**

We have reviewed the foregoing information. Each of us realizes that there are areas where our interests and objectives may differ and areas of potential or actual conflicts of interest. We understand that each of us may retain a separate lawyer in connection with our immigration case. After careful consideration, each of us consents to dual representation and requests that The Advocates for Human Rightsrepresent us under the limitations contained in this agreement.

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