

CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES (FIXED FEE)

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
DALLAS POLICE RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (DPROA)
FOR \$400.00**

The Dallas Police Retired Officers Association (DPROA) agrees to contract with Feldman & Feldman, a law firm based at 3355 West Alabama Street, Suite 1220, Houston, Texas 77098, to represent the association and its contributing members and those non-members who choose to participate (collectively “participants”) in a lawsuit to be filed against the appropriate agency. The purpose of the lawsuit is to seek restoration of benefits termed “Annual Adjustment” and “Benefit Supplement” by the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System (DPFP). Such benefits were stopped and/or changed by the passage of Texas House Bill 3158 (85th Legislature), signed by the governor on May 31, 2017, with an effective date of September 1, 2017. The lawsuit is intended to seek a judicial declaration that the relevant provisions of HB 3158 are unconstitutional.

The contract fee between the DPROA and Feldman & Feldman for undertaking and pursuing this lawsuit through all stages of appeal will be a fixed, all-inclusive fee with no additional contingency fees. Each participant will contribute \$400.00 to enable the lawsuit to be filed and prosecuted, in addition to required membership fees as stipulated below for the appropriate membership category.

Each person (“participant”) contributing to the DPROA for the filing of this lawsuit will make payment dated no later than May 31, 2019, with payment being received by the DPROA no later than June 7, 2019 either in person (to a board member) or at its US postal mailing address:

DPROA
PO Box 720446
Dallas, Texas 75372

A contribution fee of \$400.00 must be accompanied by this signed form, and where applicable, new members must submit a completed DPROA Application Form, available at the DPROA website: dproa.org The new member Application Form must be accompanied by a separate check for membership dues.

All sums received above and beyond the contract fee will remain as permanent funds of the DPROA. All payments to Feldman & Feldman will be made by the DPROA. No persons may become part of this lawsuit by attempting to individually contract with and/or pay directly to Feldman & Feldman. The lawsuit will be filed with DPROA as the named Plaintiff.

Participants expressly acknowledge that neither the DPROA, nor Feldman & Feldman, have made any representation or guarantees as to the successful termination or resolution of this matter.

Participants expressly acknowledge that the seven members of the DPROA Board of Directors will be the committee which works directly with Feldman & Feldman to make decisions on their behalf. Participants authorize the Board of Directors to make necessary decisions as if it were the decision of each participant. No compromise or settlement of the lawsuit will be made without the consent of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Each participant must be in one of the following “good standing” categories/tiers and certify himself/herself as such by **initialing** the appropriate block and by his/her signature on this application. The term “in good standing” means that the individual is current in his/her membership dues to the DPROA according to the DPROA Constitution. **Each contributor agrees that he/she will maintain his/her membership dues as being current throughout the duration of the lawsuit. Failure to do so will result in the individual being removed as a participant with no refund of any monies paid for dues or the filing of the lawsuit.** Each participant will keep the DPROA apprised of his/her current mailing address, email address, and physical address location.

- _____ Full/Active Members of DPROA (including surviving spouses or other eligible beneficiaries) paying annual dues of \$270.00 (\$22.50 monthly or \$270.00 annually) would pay \$400.00 towards the lawsuit
- _____ Affiliate Members of DPROA (including surviving spouses or other eligible beneficiaries) paying annual dues of \$135.00 (\$11.25 monthly or \$135.00 annually) would pay \$400.00 towards the lawsuit
- _____ Active DROP Members of DPROA paying annual dues of \$120.00 (\$10.00 monthly or \$120.00 annually) would pay \$400.00 towards the lawsuit
- _____ Retired Police Officers or Firefighters or Active DROP officers who are eligible to join DPROA but who have not done so, will be required to join DPROA and pay the annual dues for their appropriate category of Full/Active or Affiliate or Active DROP, and then also pay \$400.00 towards the lawsuit
- _____ Active Police Officers or Firefighters who are not eligible to join the DPROA under Constitutional provisions, will only pay \$400.00 towards the lawsuit

BY: _____
Board Member, DPROA

Signature of Participant

Printed Name of Participant

Mailing Address (to include zip code)

Police Badge Number _____
(Police Only)
City Employee Number _____
(Police & Fire)

Telephone (area code) + xxx-xxxx

(_____) _____

Email Address

Signed and dated this day

_____ 2019