

Now That You've Hired Attorney Nicholas W. Richardson —

Thank you for retaining me. I look forward to guiding you through the legal process and advocating for your interests.

Since opening my own office in 2009, I have provided each and every client with straightforward and honest advice — and I'll do the same for you.

My clients appreciate this no-nonsense approach. In fact, more than 90 percent of my new clients come from referrals.

As your matter moves through our legal system, please keep in mind that I bill for my time. Accordingly, review all your invoices closely and ask questions.

I look forward to leveraging my 10 years of expertise to bring your matter to resolution.



Please take a moment to review these commonly asked questions from new clients.

Why do I sign a *Retainer Agreement and Rights & Responsibilities* document?

These documents serve as a contract between you and the Law Office of Nicholas W. Richardson, P.C., and outline our agreement. They warrant your full attention and complete understanding.

I encourage all my clients to print and review both documents. I am happy to answer any questions on either.

How will my retainer payment be used?

Your retainer payment is held in a trust account until I incur time spent on your account.

Once your monthly invoice is compiled, your retainer fee will be credited against the legal fees incurred on your behalf. Costs are itemized separately.

You might see “no charge” listed on your invoice. This simply means time was spent on your case, but for any number of reasons, I am not charging you for this time. If possible, I advise my clients to lump several questions together to maximize my time — and their retainers.

Can you provide an estimate of time and cost to reach resolution?

By their very nature, family law matters tend to become more complex and time consuming than they first appear. For this reason, I cannot provide an estimate of the total cost for your matter or the total time involved to bring your matter to resolution.

Dealing with any legal matter requires following the guidelines set forth by our court system. This influences the time required to move your matter toward resolution, as does the amount of cooperation from you and the opposing party.



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Did You Know?

Attorney Richardson is active in his legal community, through appointed and elected positions with the Northwest Suburban Bar Association, and was admitted to the Bar for the United States Supreme Court in 2013.

Since his firm's founding, Attorney Richardson has supported efforts within his community to help fight hunger and provide assistance to those in need. In 2013, he launched his Scholarship Program.