

Follow these Instructions: To retain the Attorneys to represent you in Traffic Court:

- 1) Contact Attorney at **661-327-7833** to confirm the specific Fee for your case
 - a. (Default fee: **\$950** – regular 1 point infraction - • - **\$1500** – 2 point infraction).
- 2) Read, complete, and sign the Client Information Form and the Retainer Agreement below
- 3) For all drivers not licensed in CA, you must provide a copy of your state driving record.
- 4) Fax/ E-Mail this form, with your payment & copy of ticket or courtesy notice, to above address.

CLIENT INFORMATION

FULL NAME: _____

CITATION # (Ticket #) _____

LICENSE (ID) #: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

COURT APPEARANCE: DATE: _____ WHICH COURT? _____

PHONE NUMBERS: Home: _____ Cell : _____

E-Mail Address : _____

HOME MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CREDIT CARD BILLING ADDRESS _____/

FEE AGREEMENT

I, _____ (“Client”) retain Matthew Ruff and Bruce Blythe (“Attorneys”) to represent me through Court trial or disposition in the Kern County Court for my traffic violation(s) for the offense(s) of:

- 1) Violation/s of: Vehicle Code § _____

FEE: _____ Client agrees to pay the FEE as agreed to by Attorneys and Client.

Charge my Visa Master Card _____
Credit Card Number Ver. Code Exp. Date

(Attach a copy of the cardholder’s driver’s license and the front and back of the credit card)

(Also, we must have the billing address for the credit card, see above, this is the address where you receive your bill)

The Attorneys shall represent the Client in the defense of the above charges in traffic court. Attorney will only begin work once the Retainer Agreement and Fee are received. Attorney will try to resolve case by avoiding DMV points to Client’s Driver’s License and to reduce any traffic fines, license suspension or other Court penalties. However, the client acknowledges that Attorney does not guarantee any particular result as each case is resolved based on factors of the offense and Client’s driving record. Representation does not include any appeal or DMV hearings.

I hereby authorize Attorneys to plea or resolve my case in the way that Attorney deems in my best legal interests, and I agree to assist and accept that resolution.

Client or Representative’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Cardholder Signature _____ Date _____\

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Dear Prospective New Client,

Thank you for your interest in having our Law Firm represent you in your traffic case. I know this is a difficult time for you, and we will do everything in our power to achieve the best possible result for your traffic violation charge. I write to explain the process that applies to your traffic ticket case. Once we receive the attached retainer agreement and the fee we will commence work on your case.

The first step of the process is called the arraignment. At the arraignment, we will enter a “not guilty” plea and schedule a new Court date for a Court trial. Following the arraignment, we may elect to engage in plea bargain discussions with the prosecution. These discussions can often result in the charges being reduced or dismissed. If the plea-bargain is accepted, this will bring an end to the case. Typical plea-bargains include a plea to a less serious charge or a vehicle code section that may not carry points or a charge that does not result in the suspension of your driver’s license. If the case does not settle for a plea bargain then it will proceed to a Court trial. A Court trial will generally be set out anywhere from a month to three months, depending upon which courthouse your case is assigned.

A Court trial in a traffic ticket case is like any other criminal case with the exception that there is no jury. It begins with direct examination and cross-examination of the witnesses, closing arguments, and a verdict. If you retain our services, you will not be required to appear at any stage of the process unless you are specifically notified to attend.

We will send you a letter with the final disposition of your case once a resolution has been obtained. Thank you once again for allowing us the privilege of working on your case. I hope this letter has helped shed light on the process, and some of the issues that typically arise.