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PRACTICE LIMITED TO
REAL ESTATE

RETAINER AGREEMENT

_____ **states that:** I hereby authorize and employ **SCHILLER, STRAUSS & LAVIN, P.C.**, ("**SSL**") and its employees to represent the undersigned before the Assessor of Cook County, the Board of Review, the Property Tax Appeal Board, and/or the Circuit Court of Cook County to contest, litigate, settle and resolve without further authorizations the 2019 real estate tax assessment, any subsequent years of the same triennial assessment, and where applicable, the assessments for prior years, of the following real estate:

ADDRESS:

TOWNSHIP:

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER(S):

For services rendered in this regard, the undersigned agrees to pay a contingent fee equal to 33% of the tax savings achieved in the year that the appeal was filed. The attorney's fees shall be based upon the tax savings representing the difference between the Assessor's proposed assessment and the revised assessment, and shall be computed by multiplying the amount of valuation reduction by the most recent state equalizer and tax rate, and is due upon notification of the result. Sale of the subject property will not relieve you from the obligation to pay any legal fee due.

In the event that **SSL** is successful in obtaining any tax *refund* on my behalf through a Certificate of Error proceeding, or proceedings before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, or Circuit Court, I agree to pay a contingent fee equal to 33% of the amount refunded. I understand that I am not obligated to pay any legal fees other than the contingent fees and reimbursement of any filing fees and related costs. I grant the firm a power of attorney to obtain delivery of, and deposit in its Clients Funds Account any tax refunds and disburse such funds to me less attorneys' fees which may be earned pursuant to this Authorization, and to execute related necessary documents in my behalf. I also understand it is my responsibility to notify **SSL** of any increases in my assessment.

If commissioning an appraisal is deemed necessary, it cannot be obtained without my prior consent and authorization, but I understand that it is my responsibility to pay for any appraiser's fee once authorized.

_____ **By:** _____
SCHILLER, STRAUSS & LAVIN P.C.

Print Name: _____ **Date:** _____