1. **Legal Services to be Rendered**

This is an agreement to provide legal services between __________________________ (client) and __________________________ (student/attorney) of the Loyola University Health Justice Project. The Health Justice Project will provide legal services or advice to the Client in the following matter:

This contract does not require the Health Justice Project to provide legal services to the Client in any litigation or appeal other than the matter described in this paragraph.

2. **Fees and Costs**

The Client shall disclose to the Health Justice Project all relevant information about the Client’s financial situation and shall provide assurances to the Health Justice Project that the Client satisfies the Health Justice Project’s criteria for the provision of free legal services. The Health Justice Project will not charge the Client for any legal services (i.e., for the time that attorneys and law students work on the case). However, the Client may have to pay for or reimburse the Health Justice Project for any court costs and other reasonable expenses incidental to the provision of legal services by the Health Justice Project (i.e. photocopy expenses or transcript costs), which will be determined by a sliding scale based on one’s ability to pay.

3. **Medical-Legal Partnership**

The Client understands that the Health Justice Project attorneys work together with the Erie Family Health Center to resolve the client’s issues, but the Health Justice Project is its own separate operation from the Erie Family Health Center.

4. **Use of Law Students**

The Client understands and agrees that: (1) the Health Justice Project is a law office affiliated with Loyola University of Chicago School of Law; (2) one of the purposes of the Health Justice Project is to allow law students to learn the skills of legal practice; and (3) accordingly, Loyola University law students may perform legal services on behalf of the Client, under the supervision of licensed attorneys who are faculty members at or affiliated with Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. The Client also understands that certain law students are permitted by Illinois Supreme Court Rules to appear in court proceedings under the supervision of a member of the Illinois Bar, and agrees that students so authorized may from time to time appear in Court on the Client’s behalf, in accordance with Illinois rules.

5. **Postponement Practices**

The Client understands and agrees that their case may be interrupted and representation may be postponed, so that a law student may represent the Client at all times. The Health Justice Project will only postpone the Client’s case if it will not harm the outcome of the case.

6. **Attorney-Client Communication**

   a. **Consultation:** The attorney will keep the client informed about the status of the case. The attorney will consult with the client before making any significant decisions about the case. The attorney will not settle the case without the clients consent.

   b. **Communication and Honesty:** The Client agrees to cooperate fully and to give the Health Justice Project’s attorneys and law students all the information they need about the Client’s legal problems. The Client and the attorney agree to provide complete and truthful information. The Client also agree to let the attorney know right away if the client gets letters or other papers related to the case.

   c. **Contact Information:** The Client agrees to let the attorneys know right away if the Client’s address or telephone number changes.

   d. **Appointments:** The Client and attorney agree to attend and be on time for all appointments and court dates.

   e. **Confidentiality:** The Client understands that contacts with the Health Justice Project are protected by an attorney-client privilege, which means that if the Client gives the Health Justice Project information in confidence, the Health Justice Project cannot disclose this information to someone else without the Client’s permission.
The Client understands, however, that Health Justice Project attorneys and law students have a duty to reveal information about a Client if necessary to prevent the Client from committing an act that would result in death or serious bodily harm. The Client also understands that Health Justice Project attorneys and law students may be permitted to disclose information related to the representation in order to further the case. In addition, Health Justice Project attorneys and law students may be permitted to disclose information should there be a dispute regarding fees and/or the adequacy of the Health Justice Project’s work on the Client’s behalf.

7. **Termination**

   The Client may terminate this contract and end the attorney-client relationship with the Health Justice Project at any time, except that in some cases, the Client may have to get court approval to do this. The Health Justice Project attorneys can decide to stop handling the Client’s case if the attorneys believe that one or more of the following are true:

   a. The Client is not cooperating with the Health Justice Project’s attorneys and law students by failing to communicate with them or failing to attend meetings;

   b. The Client’s claims, in the judgment of the Health Justice Project’s attorneys, have no legal basis;

   c. Further work on the case would be only for the purpose of harassing or harming another person;

   d. The Health Justice Project’s continuing representation of the Client would be, in the judgment of the Health Justice Project’s attorneys, ethically wrong; or

   e. There is any other good reason within the meaning of the Illinois Supreme Court Rules for the attorneys to stop handling the Client’s case.

   If the Health Justice Project decides that it should stop handling my case, it will make every effort to give the Client written notice of that decision.

8. **Scope of Representation**

   The client understands that, if the Client’s case ends and the Client is not satisfied with the result, the Health Justice Project attorneys and law students will advise the Client of any rights the Client may have to an appeal. The Client understands that the Health Justice Project considers an appeal or further review as a new case, requiring a new agreement, and reserves the right not to represent the Client in the appeal or further review.

   I agree that the Loyola University Health Justice Project may represent me, on the terms set forth above.

   ___________________________  By: ___________________________

   ___________________________  Health Justice Project Student Attorney (Signature)

   ___________________________  Supervising Attorney (Signature)

   ___________________________  Client (Signature)