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**CONSENT TO RESOLVE FEE DISPUTE BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO
PART 137.2 (b) OF THE RULES OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR**
[The language below may be incorporated into a retainer agreement between the parties]

The parties to this agreement, _____ (“Client”),
and _____, Esq. (“Attorney”), agree that in the
event a dispute should arise as to the attorney’s fee for legal services, they will resolve the fee
dispute by arbitration pursuant to Part 137 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts
(22 NYCRR), which provides for binding arbitration unless either party rejects the arbitration
award by commencing an action on the merits of the fee dispute in a court of law (trial *de novo*)
within 30 days after the arbitrator’s decision has been mailed.

By signing this agreement, attorney and client indicate that they have received and read the
official written instructions and procedures for both Part 137 and the LOCAL PROGRAM NAME
_____. Attorney and Client understand that they are not required to sign this
agreement. Client understands that in the absence of this agreement, (s)he would have the right to
choose whether or not to participate in this program. This agreement does not foreclose the
parties’ attempting to resolve this fee dispute at any time through voluntary mediation.

ATTORNEY

CLIENT

(Please print names below signatures)

Dated: _____