

STANDARD CLIENT RETAINER LETTER

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I thank you for thinking of engaging Richard S. Lehman P.A. (the "Firm") to represent you as legal counsel. If you choose to engage the Firm, we look forward to working with you with regard to the various items indicated herein and appreciate your confidence.

It is the policy of the Firm to require an engagement letter to avoid any misunderstanding as to the scope of the matter and the fees to be charged.

The legal services we will provide relate to advice in the Federal income tax and/or Federal estate tax laws applicable to losses suffered in a Ponzi Scheme theft.

Our services will be to work closely with your accountant to help you determine the best of all of your options for tax recovery and then to implement a plan so that between now and the time that your year 2008 tax returns are filed, you are as knowledgeable as possible about your options and prepared to make the appropriate claims upon the Internal Revenue Service.

It is our intention to have a full discussion and review of financials and documents regarding your tax, claw back and recovery issues at the start of the engagement. This will lead to a set of recommendations and guidelines as to your best tax options. Thereafter we will work with your accountant and you on a continual basis towards gathering the records and documentation necessary to support your tax position and providing guidance to your accountant and you directly. Trying at all times to make sure that no actions are taken that might negatively affect your tax recovery position.

For legal services rendered to you, we will charge you a flat fee of \$5,000. The package of services offered includes:

Step 1. A Ponzi scheme victim needs to have several alternative financial projections prepared by your accounting professional, depending upon numerous facts. There are a number of variables from a legal and financial prospective. Their interactions must all be considered to find the right tax position for the individual.

The projections will require records for a victim's tax position during the previous five year history at a minimum and as far back as possible. In many instances these financial schedules will also need to reflect the use of loss carry forwards and how they will affect future income.

With these schedules, you will then be able to determine the (1) value of using the safe harbor rules, (2) the value of not using the safe harbor rules and relying on legal principals, (3) the value of filing amended returns, (4) the value of preparing for claw back situations and other contingent factors.

Step 2. These financial projections, together with the understanding of the law and the other factors affecting your situation will result in the client clearly seeing and choosing the best alternative.

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- Step 3.** In the event the safe harbor alternative is best, the accountant will have little need for the Law Firm and will be able to follow the safe harbor rules to file the client's tax return. Those clients who choose the safe harbor will receive a refund of \$3,500 from their original fee.
- Step 4.** In those instances, where taxpayers choose the alternatives to the safe harbor, the Law Firm and the accountant will prepare the documentation necessary to support the use of alternative methods to the safe harbor. This will include guidance on the evidence required to prove a taxpayer's position and such other documentation as may be helpful for submission with the tax return.
- Step 5.** Legal opinions, where appropriate, will be provided that will be beneficial regarding tax return preparation and other liability concerns. Certain legal fees for legal opinions may exceed the \$5,000 total fee amount, depending on the facts and circumstances.

In the event any follow up legal advice may be needed after the submission of the tax returns, the same will be provided at 66 1/3% of the firm's hourly rate that is presently at \$575.00 per hour.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to work with you in connection with these matters and look forward to a mutually satisfactory relationship. If you find the above arrangement acceptable, please so indicate by signing the enclosed copy of this letter and returning the same to me with your check in the amount of \$5,000.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD S. LEHMAN

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO BY

DATE