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The Legal Ethics Committee presents

Common Provisions in Attorney Fee Agreements Permitted or Problematic?

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MCLE Registration: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Program: 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

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Including improper provisions in attorney-client fee agreements (aka engagement letters) can have dire consequences, ranging from attorney discipline to disqualification to unenforceable terms and loss of fees. While the State Bar website contains sample fee agreement provisions that are generally permissible depending on the circumstances, every lawyer must take care before including other provisions that are, or may be, inconsistent with the California Rules of Professional Conduct. Join members of BASF's Legal Ethics Committee for a review of some commonly misunderstood or misused clauses that can lead to trouble.

Topics

- State Bar Advisory Fee Agreement Forms – To Be Used With a Caveat
- Business and Professions Code Sections 6147-6148
- Limitations on Client Authority Over Objectives and Settlement
- Provisions Regarding Fees, Including Referring to Fees as Nonrefundable
- Provisions Regarding Withdrawal
- Provisions Regarding Client Files and Other Client Property
- Other Problematic Terms

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