

## **CLIENT CONSENT FOR INTERNET, E-MAIL, AND CELL PHONE COMMUNICATION**

The undersigned client consents to the use of the internet, cell phone, and e-mail in communicating with Robert E. Peterson and his office. By consenting to the use of Internet, cell phone, and e-mail, the undersigned understands that Internet, cell phone, and e-mail, are not necessarily confidential and our electronic communications may be intercepted by others. The undersigned further acknowledges that there is a risk of violation of DR 5-101 Iowa Code of Professional Responsibility for Lawyers. DR 4-101 reads as follows:

### **Dr 4-101. Preservation of Confidences and Secrets of a Client**

(A) "Confidence" refers to information protected by the attorney-client privilege under applicable law, and "secret" refers to other information gained in the professional relationship that the client has requested to be held inviolate or the disclosure of which would be embarrassing or would likely be detrimental to the client.

(B) Except when permitted under DR 4-101(C) a lawyer shall not knowingly:

- (1) Reveal a confidence or secret of a client.
- (2) Use a confidence or secret of a client to the disadvantage of the client.
- (3) Use a confidence or secret of a client for the advantage of the lawyer or a third person, unless the client consents after full disclosure.

(C) A lawyer may reveal:

- (1) Confidences or secrets with the consent of a client or clients affected, but only after full disclosure to them.
- (2) Confidences or secrets when permitted under disciplinary rules or required law or court order.
- (3) The intention of the client to commit a crime and the information necessary to prevent the crime.
- (4) Confidences or secrets necessary to establish or collect a fee or to defend oneself, employees, or associates against an accusation of wrongful conduct.

(D) A lawyer shall exercise reasonable care to prevent employees, associates and others whose services are utilized from disclosing or using confidences or secrets of a client, except that a lawyer may reveal the information allowed by DR 4-101(C) through an employee.

My lawyer has informed me of the risks associated with communicating with me through non-secure Internet, cell phone, and e-mail, including the risk that the opposing party and others may obtain access to the content of these communications. I have fully considered those risks and it is my desire to communicate by using these methods. I understand and accept the risk of violating DR 4-101 when communicating by Internet, cell phone and e-mail. I authorize Robert E. Peterson and/or his staff to communicate with me through the use of

Internet, cell phone, and e-mail to any e-mail address and cell phone number that I may provide from time to time.

Signed this \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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, Client

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Current e-mail address

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Current cell phone number