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Ms Rich

I'm writing in support of the position taken by Trust Account Rule Working Group. As a member of the Criminal Law listserv, I have followed the Group's endeavors. The practice of Law in the area of Criminal Law is difficult as it is. Client's who don't qualify for Public Defender representation aren't independently wealthy in many if not most cases. My ability to quote a flat fee is helpful for those prospective client's who need to have counsel, have limited resources (friends and/or family) and yet want representation from a private bar attorney not PD sponsored. A one time loan from family/friends is most often seen as the only way to afford the lawyer they want.

The time costs involved in trust account management would become overwhelming and just not necessary. Agreeing to arbitration is a workable solution to this issue in my humble opinion. Most clients welcome the chance to hire me knowing the cost in advance and I have no problem going to arbitration if there's a fee dispute that can't otherwise be resolved between us.

There's really no need to make our business more costly especially for client's who aren't wealthy in the first place.

Thomas J. Marola

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