



WESTERN CONFERENCE OF TEAMSTERS LEGAL SERVICES TRUST FUND

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To: Participating Panel Attorneys

Subject: Western Conference of Teamsters Legal Services Trust Fund
Attorney Fees

Dear Panel Attorneys,

It has recently been brought to our attention that some Panel Attorneys might be billing members for attorney fees once the maximum benefit amount has been reached on claims. I am writing this letter to remind all attorneys that the agreement you signed to be a Panel Attorney prohibits this. Please reference section 3 of the agreement which states:

3. Panel Attorney will be compensated in accordance with the Schedule developed by the Fund and applicable at the time services are rendered. Panel Attorney shall accept the amounts reflected in the Schedule as payment in full for services rendered to eligible participants. Panel Attorney will look only to the Fund for payment, and will not seek payment, directly or indirectly, from any participant of any fee for services rendered under the Plan except for those items for which payment must be made by the participant as described in the Plan. Panel Attorney will be compensated on the basis of statements and forms submitted monthly to the Trust Fund Office for services rendered during the preceding calendar month.

Please also reference the rights and responsibilities form that all members sign which states:

Rights

- 1. To pay no fees in connection with your representation. The Plan pays all of your attorney's fees; you may not be required to pay additional fees.*

Filing fees and service fees are also covered by the Plan and should not be paid by the member unless the member has exceeded the allotted amount of \$600 per year. Filing fees should be paid by the attorney and billed to our office for reimbursement.

If you have any questions please contact our office at: In California: (800) 222-3024, outside California: (800) 222-3025, or email us at LST@deltafund.com.

Sincerely,

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