



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
Benefit Adjustments

The Board of Trustees of the Western Conference of Teamsters Legal Services Trust Fund has decided to implement a benefit adjustment. This adjust will take effect on January 1, 2018 and will apply to all claims that are **opened** on or after that date. Please note that all claims which are opened before January 1, 2018 will remain at the previous rate, even if you submit your billing after January 1, 2018.

Wills and Trusts: Increase maximum benefit by 10%.

Family Matter Claims: Increase maximum benefit by 25%.

Traffic Misdemeanor: Increase maximum benefit by 25%.

Immigration and Pre-Nuptial Agreement: Increase maximum benefit amount to \$2,500.

QDRO: A benefit for the drafting of a QDRO will be added with a maximum benefit amount of \$875. This benefit cannot be used by the firm who completed the divorce.

Filing fees: Increase maximum benefit amount to \$1,000 and will include additional fees such as recording, notary, court reporter and certified copies.

Three Family Matter Claims: Change frequency limit from 3 years to 2 years.

Paternity, Guardianship, and Adoption Claims: Separate these claims so members are allowed to open one of each every 12 months.

Personal Injury Claim: A benefit for personal injury cases where the member is the plaintiff will be added with a maximum benefit amount of \$2,000. This claim is limited to cases where no motor vehicle is involved and the attorney will not be compensated on a contingent fee.

All other benefit limits/maximums will be increased by 20%.

The hourly panel attorney rate will be increased to \$175/hr and the paralegal rate will be increased to \$75/hr. Attached to the letter is a current list of transaction codes with the new maximum benefit amounts.

If you have any questions, please call one of our Trust Specialists using the Fund's 800 number (In California (800) 222-3024 • Outside California (800) 222-3025). You can also reach us via facsimile at (209) 940-5251 or email at LST@deltafund.com.

Sincerely,

Delta Fund Administrators LLC