



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
Billing on Probate Cases

The Board of Trustees of the Western Conference of Teamsters Legal Services Trust Fund has decided to implement an adjustment to the way attorneys can receive payment for work performed on probate cases. Previously, attorneys would accept the payment issued from our office (the Trust) as payment in full and would not accept any funds from the estate. The Board of Trustees have adjusted this to allow attorneys to seek the statutory amount allowed, minus the amount received from the Trust. This only applies only to situations where fees are determined by statute. When there is no statutory fee, attorneys are forbidden from charging either the estate or the participant any amount in excess of the benefit provided by the Plan.

For example, if the statutory amount allowed from the probate is \$6,000, and the Trust has paid the maximum amount allowed on a probate of \$4,060, the attorney can receive \$1,940 from the estate. If the statutory amount allowed from the probate is \$4,000, and the Trust has paid the maximum amount allowed on a probate of \$4,060, no funds should be received from the estate.

The total amount received from the Trust and the estate combined should never exceed the statutory amount allowed.

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