

EL PASO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
**LAWYER REFERRAL &
INFORMATION SERVICE**

CONTINGENCY FEE ADDENDUM

Should a member attorney reasonably believe that the eighty-five percent (85%) fee retained by the member attorney is significantly disproportionate to the amount of work undertaken by the member attorney on a matter, the member attorney may petition the Committee for a reduction of the LRIS Fee at the same time the LRIS fifteen percent (15%) fee is due. This petition, in the form of a letter providing LRIS with explanation and any supporting documentation, must be submitted to the LRIS Director within thirty (30) days of receiving amounts from which a contingency fee is to be paid. Notwithstanding any petition, the fifteen percent (15%) fee must be timely paid to LRIS. The Committee will address the circumstances set forth in the petition on a case-by-case basis and determine an appropriate LRIS Fee by majority vote. Should the Committee decide to propose a reduction or discount to the fee, LRIS shall provide notice of the same to the member attorney. Within thirty (30) days following dispatch of the notice of the Committee's decision to the member attorney, the member shall accept or decline the proposed fee reduction. Should LRIS receive such timely acceptance (no receipt of timely notice shall be deemed acceptance), LRIS will issue payment of the discounted amount to the member attorney. Otherwise, the member attorney may decline by sending a letter of appeal to the EPCBA President, with LRIS on copy, within the same thirty (30) day period who will present the appeal to the Board. The Board will consider the appeal and reach an appropriate resolution by majority vote.