Document Retention Policy

Types of Documents

In representing you we will or may take possession of, create, and/or keep various types of documents. These consist of documents you provide to us, documents which constitute the District's official public record, and internal documents we create to assist us in providing services to you.

Documents You Provide to Us

It is our policy to copy and return original documents you provide to us as soon as practicable. Exceptions to this policy are original documents which should be kept as part of the District's official public record, instances where we must have an original document to represent you, or cases where we have affirmatively agreed retain a document for safekeeping.

The District's Record

As a part our engagement, we will maintain the District's official public Record (the "**Record**"). The Record is a highly useful and detailed compilation of documents reflecting the official actions of the District and serves multiple functions. First, it collects those documents which the public is entitled to inspect and copy under various state and federal public records and freedom of information statutes. Second, it organizes the records of the District – such as its contracts, land and title records, and easements - in a manner which is useful in conducting the ongoing business of the District. Third, the Record helps expedite the District's annual audit process. Fourth, in the event you should change legal counsel or employ in-house counsel, the Record will enable that counsel to understand the status and assume representation of the District with maximum efficiency.

The Record includes the District's organizational documents, fully-executed agreements which are still in effect, rules, regulations, resolutions adopted by the District, official minutes books, meeting notices, agendas, insurance policies, District maps, election records, bond documents, audit documents, and many more. A comprehensive list of documents comprising the Record is available from us at any time upon request.

Creating and maintaining the Record is an important and complex task, and you agree to pay our actual costs and hourly fees associated with doing this.

Supplemental Documents

All other documents created in course of representing you are referred to as Supplemental Documents. These include our notes, drafts, memoranda, worksheets, electronic communications, and other electronic documents stored in various media or file servers.

Documents We Retain

Except as provided in this Document Retention Policy or an amendment thereto, we will keep the Record and any original documents accepted by us for safekeeping so long as we represent you.

Delivery of the Record

Once a matter is concluded or our has representation terminated, we deliver the original, printed Record, together with any original documents we have accepted for safekeeping, to you or the District's designee, provided our fees and costs have been paid in full. If you do not designate someone to receive these records, we will deliver them to a then-current officer or director of the District. If we are unable to deliver these documents because of your failure to designate a recipient, we may retain, destroy, or otherwise dispose of them in manner which assures their continued confidentiality within thirty (30) days following the conclusion of a matter or the termination of our representation.

We will also confidentially destroy the Record of any District in our possession if a final order of dissolution of the District is entered.

All other documents, including all Supplemental Documents, are routinely, periodically, confidentially, and permanently purged by us once they are no longer useful to us in providing services to you.