

## **Successor Lawyer Clause**

Retainer agreements ensure the client understands the nature and scope of the relationship, but have you included a clause in the agreement that covers the possibility of your inability to continue to work on a file? You may want to consider including the following clause:

Client agrees that a successor lawyer maybe appointed to temporarily assist with the case in the event of the lawyer's illness, vacation or other similar absences. In the event of Lawyer's death, disability, impairment, or incapacity, the Client agrees that a successor lawyer can review the Client's file for the limited purposes of protecting the Client's rights and can assist with the closure of Lawyer's law practice. Client maintains the right to select a Lawyer to represent him/her.

Designating a successor lawyer in the retainer agreement will protect your client's interest in the event of death or critical illness.