## IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI , MISSISSIPPI

# IN THE MATTER OF: THE CLAIM OF , A MINOR, BY FATHER/MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND

## CAUSE NO.

## PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO SETTLE DOUBTFUL CLAIM, WITH JOINDER

COMES NOW, Petitioner, individually and as mother, general guardian and natural guardian of a minor, with joinder by , individually and as natural father and natural guardian of , a minor, for authority to settle a disputed claim on behalf of said minor, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. section 93-13-211 (Supp. 1986), and in support thereof would show the following:

1.

Petitioner, , is the adult mother, general guardian and natural guardian of , a minor, whose date of birth is . , who joins herein, is the adult natural father, and natural guardian of said minor. Said , and are each resident citizens of County, Mississippi.

2.

Said minor has a claim arising from injuries he sustained on a school bus on , on the way home from school when , a minor also on the bus negligently threw a jar lid at striking him/her in the mouth severely chipping his/her front left tooth. provided liability insurance on said through a homeowners policy owned by his/her . As a result of said injury sustained to a minor, the following medical expenses have been and will be incurred:

Dr. D.M.D.

Initial Treatment \$

Estimated cost for root canal and crown

### Total Medical Expenses \$

4.

Claims have been made for the abovesaid injuries by individually and as the parent, general and natural guardian of a minor. The claim which said minor has is doubtful, not readily collectable and subject to the hazards and perils of litigation. Although and deny any and all negligence in the premises and for any and all liability for the injuries incurred, they have agreed to settle all claims arising out of the injuries to , including the claim for bodily injuries of and any and all claims which said and

may have as parents, general guardians and natural guardians of said arising either directly or indirectly out of the bodily injuries sustained by and all doctor and related health care expenses of arising from said accident and any and all other claims of every type, kind and character which said and may have arising either directly out of said accident for injuries to said by paying the total sum of and 00/100 Dollars (\$ ).

Said \$ offer of settlement is being paid in exchange for the execution of a Release Receipt and Indemnity Agreement for all claims and damages of any and every nature

whatsoever which said may have, or which said and may have arising either directly or indirectly out of the injuries to said against and , a copy of said Release, Receipt and Indemnifying Agreement being attached to the Petition for Authority to Settle Doubtful Claim and Joinder as Exhibit " ".

## 6.

That Petitioner has employed Attorney at Law, in , Mississippi, and said attorney has carefully and thoroughly investigated the facts and circumstances of the aforesaid injury; though discussions with the witnesses, parties and representatives of has negotiated the aforesaid offer of compromise and settlement; has advised Petitioner and his/her charge with respect to their claim on account of the injuries to and the compromise and settlement thereof; and has otherwise rendered valuable legal services to Petitioners. For and in consideration thereof, said attorney has earned and is entitled to receive a reasonable attorney's fee as follows: % of \$ the net proceeds of settlement or \$ ; and that the remaining balance of \$ be retained by Petitioner, for the sole use and benefit of said minor, resulting in a total settlement of \$ ; and Petitioner prays that the requirement that Petitioner furnish security be waived.

### 7.

That the proposed settlement is a fair and reasonable settlement and it is in the best interest of that said settlement offer be accepted, and Petitioner is of the opinion that said settlement is a fair and reasonable settlement of the claim of said minor, and it would be more prudent to accept said sum of money than subject said minor to the delays and uncertainties of litigation incident to claims of this nature.

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays that he/she be authorized to accept the aforementioned settlement offer; that he/she be allowed to pay the attorney's fees as

set forth hereinabove out of said settlement offer; that he/she be allowed to pay medical expenses incurred on behalf of said minor in the amount set forth above; that the requirement of a security herein be waived; that he/she be further authorized to execute the Release, Receipt and Indemnity agreement, as attached to the petition as Exhibit "A", in favor of , together with all other parties having any liability in the premises of any and all rights, claims and causes of action of said which his/her representative may have against said and of any kind and character on account of personal injuries and damages sustained by said minor, and that the remaining sum be retained by Petitioner, for the sole and exclusive use of .

And if Petitioner has not prayed for proper relief, then he/she prays for such other, further, general or special relief as the Court deems proper in the premises.

#### , A MINOR

## MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND

PRESENTED BY:

# ATTORNEY AT LAW

### STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

# COUNTY OF

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the aforesaid state and county, the within named Petitioner, who acknowledges that she signed and delivered the above and foregoing Petition for Authority to Settle Doubtful Claim and Joinder on the day and year therein mentioned as her voluntary act and deed, and that the matters and facts set forth therein are true and correct as stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL, on this the day of

NOTARY PUBLIC

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My Commission Expires:

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### DECREE AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF DOUBTFUL CLAIM

THIS DAY this cause came on for hearing on the petition of findividually and as mother, general guardian and natural guardian of findividually and as natural Mother/Father and natural guardian of findividually and as natural Mother/Father and natural guardian of findividually and as natural Mother/Father and natural guardian of findividually and as natural Mother/Father and natural guardian of findividually and as natural Mother/Father and natural guardian of findividually and as natural Mother/Father and natural guardian of findividually and as natural Mother/Father and natural guardian of findividually and as natural Mother/Father and natural guardian of findividually and as natural Mother/Father and natural guardian of findividually and findividually and as natural Mother/Father and natural guardian of findividually and findividually and as natural Mother/Father and natural guardian of findividually and findividually and as natural Mother/Father and natural guardian of findividually and findividually and as natural Mother/Father and natural guardian of findividually and findividually and findividually and as natural Mother/Father and natural guardian of findividually and findivi

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### 5.

Said \$ offer of settlement is being paid in exchange for the execution of a Release, Receipt and Indemnity Agreement for all claims and damages of any and every nature whatsoever which said may have, or which said and may have arising either directly or indirectly out of the injuries to said against and a copy of said Release, Receipt and Indemnifying Agreement being attached to the Petition for Authority to Settle Doubtful Claim and Joinder as Exhibit "A".

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That Petitioner has employed Attorney at Law, in , Mississippi, and said attorney has carefully and thoroughly investigated the facts and circumstances of the aforesaid injury; that though discussions with the witnesses, parties and representatives of said attorney has negotiated the aforesaid offer of compromise and settlement; that said attorney has advised Petitioner with respect to the claim on account of the injuries to and the compromise and settlement thereof; and has otherwise rendered valuable legal services to Petitioners. For and in consideration thereof, said attorney has earned and is entitled to receive a % of \$ reasonable attorney's fee as follows: the net proceeds of settlement, i.e. \$ ; that the remaining balance of the net proceeds, i.e. \$ will be retained by for the sole use and benefit of said minor, resulting in a total settlement of Petitioner, \$ ; and Petitioner prays that the requirement that Petitioner furnish security be waived.

That the proposed settlement is a fair and reasonable settlement; that it is in the best interest of that said settlement offer be accepted; that Petitioner is of the opinion that said settlement is a fair and reasonable settlement of the claim of said minor; and that it would be more prudent to accept said sum of money than subject said minor to the delays and uncertainties of litigation incident to claims of this nature.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, Petitioner,

as mother/father and next friend, general and natural guardian of a minor be and hereby is authorized to compromise and settle the claim of the said minor for the sum of and 00/100 (\$);

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Petitioner be and is hereby authorized to execute the Release, Receipt and Indemnity Agreement, attached to the petition as Exhibit "A", fully and finally discharging and releasing , together with all other parties having any liability in the premises of any and all rights, claims and causes of action of which said may have, or which said and may have arising either directly or indirectly out of the injuries to said against said and of any kind and character on account of personal injuries and damages sustained by said minor as a result of said accident;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Petitioner be and is hereby authorized to pay to attorney's fees in the amount of \$ as set forth hereinabove out of said settlement proceeds;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Petitioner be and hereby is authorized to pay medical expenses incurred on behalf of said minor in the amount of \$ as set forth above out of the settlement proceeds; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the remaining settlement proceeds be retained by Petitioner, for the sole and exclusive use of .

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the requirement of a security herein be and is hereby waived;

SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, this the day of

CHANCELLOR

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PRESENTED BY:

ATTORNEY AT LAW