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Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board

Important Information About

What Lawyers or Representatives Can Charge Claimants

Lawyers and representatives who represent claimants must get approval from the Board to charge a fee. Fees can only be charged after the claimant wins a final decision. A representative who is not a lawyer must be registered with the Appeal Board before charging a fee.

Once the final decision (after any hearing or appeal to the Appeal Board is finished) is in the claimant's favor, the lawyer or registered representative **must apply to the Board for approval of a fee.** The procedure to request a fee is in Board Rule 460.6 which can be found on the Board's website at: **www.uiappeals.ny.gov.**

A lawyer or representative who charges a claimant a fee that is not approved by the Board is guilty of a crime. The Appeal Board will order a refund of any fee that is greater than the fee approved by the Board.

Before a case is finished, a lawyer or registered representative can ask the claimant for a pre-approved credit card charge of $600.00. The charge cannot be processed until the Appeal Board has approved the fee.

Before a case is finished, a lawyer can ask the claimant for a deposit of up to $600.00. The deposit must be placed in an Interest on Lawyers Account (IOLA). The $600.00 is the claimant's property until the Board has approved a fee.

For more information call 518-402-0205.