WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §46a-6N-3

§46A-6N-3. Litigation financier requirements.

A litigation financier shall fulfill each of the following requirements when engaged in litigation financing:

(1) The terms of the litigation financing transaction shall be set forth in a written contract that is completely filled in with no incomplete sections when the contract is offered or presented to the consumer;

(2) The litigation financing contract shall contain a right of rescission, allowing the consumer to cancel the litigation financing contract without penalty or further obligation if, within five business days following the consumer's receipt of the funds, or execution of the litigation financing contract, whichever is later, the consumer gives notice of the rescission and returns any money already provided to the consumer by the litigation financier;

(3) The litigation financing contract shall contain a written acknowledgment by the consumer of whether the consumer is represented by an attorney in the dispute;

(4) If the consumer acknowledges that the consumer is represented by an attorney in the dispute, the litigation financing contract shall include a written acknowledgment executed by the consumer's attorney in the dispute in which the attorney acknowledges all of the following:

(A) The attorney has had the opportunity to review the litigation financing contract on behalf of the consumer;

(B) The attorney is representing the consumer with regard to the dispute that is the subject of the litigation financing contract;

(C) The attorney has neither received nor paid a referral fee or any other consideration from or to the litigation financier, nor will the attorney receive or pay such a fee in the future; and

(D) In the event that proceeds are paid into a settlement fund or trust, the litigation financier shall notify the administrator of the fund or trust of any outstanding liens arising from the litigation financing contract.

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