

## RETENTION AGREEMENT

**WHEREAS**, the Attorney General of Mississippi has determined that civil claims (the “Claims”) should be made against Abbott Laboratories (“Abbott”), and other corporations, firms or persons that may be found to be liable as a result of deceptive practices in marketing, promoting and/or selling the anti-seizure medication Depakote (also known by its generic name, Divalproex Sodium) that violate the State’s consumer protection laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the Attorney General has authority to bring an action asserting the Claims on his own behalf and/or on behalf of the State and its agencies and subdivisions, and further, acting as a constitutional officer possessing all the power and authority inherited from the common law as well as that specially conferred upon him by statute, the Attorney General has the right to institute, conduct, and maintain this suit in order to enforce the State’s consumer protection laws, including pursuing claims under the Mississippi Consumer Protection Act, Miss. Code Ann. § 75-24-1, *et seq.*;

**WHEREAS**, the Attorney General has further determined that it is in the best interests of the State and its citizens that the State retain attorneys experienced in the areas of consumer protection litigation and attorney general enforcement actions to pursue the Claims; and,

**WHEREAS**, the below listed Law Firm is experienced in consumer protection litigation and attorney general enforcement actions and has consented to represent the State of Mississippi, in association with the Attorney General, respecting the Claims and pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof;

**IT IS, ACCORDINGLY, AGREED** on June 7, 2012 as follows:

1. The Office of the Attorney General hereby retains the law firm of Cohen, Milstein, Sellers & Toll, PLLC, ("Law Firm"), and its representatives, Linda Singer and Matthew Liles are hereby designated as Special Assistant Attorneys General, to investigate, research, and file the Claims relating to Abbott in any appropriate court or courts or before any appropriate governmental agency.

2. The Attorney General does not relinquish his constitutional or statutory authority or responsibility through this Retention Agreement. The Attorney General has sole discretion to determine whether there have been violations of Mississippi law and whether to pursue, or to continue to pursue, the Claims. The Attorney General has the sole authority to settle this litigation on behalf of the State of Mississippi and its subdivisions. The Law Firm shall consult with the Attorney General and obtain his approval on all material matters pertinent to these Claims and any litigation arising therefrom, and the Attorney General shall cooperate with the Law Firm and use his best efforts to secure the cooperation of other State agencies and subdivisions. Prior to initiating inquiries or demands to any persons or entities, the Attorney General and the Law Firm will agree upon entities to be contacted and/or claims to be pursued, and the Law Firm will thereafter be entitled to its reasonable fees and expenses, as provided below, based on any recovery from such agreed-upon entity or claims as a consequence of the Law Firm's inquiry/demand. The Attorney General shall designate one or more members of his staff to monitor these Claims and provide approval on all material matters. The Law Firm shall keep the Attorney General and his designated staff member(s) fully informed on all matters pertaining to the Claims.

3. The Attorney General and the Law Firm both recognize that the claims present

numerous factual and legal obstacles and that no assurance of success on the Claims has been or can be made.

4. The Attorney General shall maintain responsibility for the public distribution of information concerning this matter as it relates to the State of Mississippi. All press inquiries shall be referred to the Attorney General for comment and response.

5. The Law Firm will maintain the confidentiality of all information and documents obtained during the course of the investigation and will comply with all document destruction or return policies upon resolution of the Claims.

6. Notwithstanding the potential difficulties, the Law Firm has agreed to represent the State, and the Attorney General hereby agrees that the Law Firm will be compensated for recoveries by the State of Mississippi on the following basis:

A. Fee Agreements:

*Exhibit A* - Retention Agreement - Matter Settled Prior to Initiation of Litigation

*Exhibit B* - Retention Agreement - Matter Resolved After Initiation of Litigation

B. All reasonable and necessary costs of litigation including, but not limited to, court costs, travel, witness fees, consultants, accounting, expert fees, and expenses, as shall be approved by the Attorney General, shall initially be borne entirely by the Law Firm but shall be reimbursed from any gross recoveries from the pursuit of such claims;

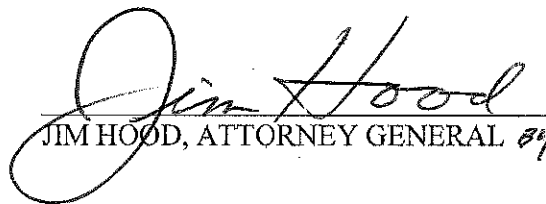
C. The Law Firm shall receive no compensation or reimbursement for recoveries by the State of Mississippi other than set out above. In the event that no recovery is realized, the Law Firm shall receive no compensation or reimbursement.

6. With the approval of the Attorney General, the Law Firm may associate other

attorneys at its own expense and at no cost to the State of Mississippi. Notwithstanding such association of other attorneys, this Retention Agreement is non-assignable and non-transferable, nor are the Law Firm's commitments delegable without the express, written approval of the Attorney General.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL OF  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

By:

  
JIM HOOD, ATTORNEY GENERAL *by: gm*

By:

  
LINDA SINGER  
COHEN, MILSTEIN, SELLERS & TOLL, PLLC

Exhibit "A"  
(Counsel Retention Agreement)  
(Matter Settled Prior to Initiation of Litigation)

For any "Matter Settled Prior to Initiation of Litigation," the following structured contingent fee schedule shall apply and govern compensation of the Attorneys:

For Recovery by the State of Mississippi Up to \$25,000,000.00:

15%

For Recovery by the State of Mississippi between \$25,000,000.00 and \$75,000,000.00:

13%

For Recovery by the State of Mississippi between \$75,000,000.00 to \$200,000,000.00:

7%

For Recovery by the State of Mississippi between \$200,000,000.00 to \$500,000,000.00:

4%

For Recovery by the State of Mississippi between \$500,000,000.00 to \$1,000,000,000.00

2%

For Recovery by the State of Mississippi greater than \$1,000,000,000.00:

1%

**Explanatory Note & Illustration of Fee Computation**

The structured contingent fee schedule set forth herein is intended to, and shall, operate cumulatively so that, in relation to each successive category or level of Recovery by the State of Mississippi (e.g., "For Recovery by the State of Mississippi Up to \$25,000,000.00," *etc.*), there shall be a specified percentage or percentages governing the amount or valuation of the aggregate contingent fee in each such category, so that the Attorneys shall be entitled to receive, and shall be paid, an aggregate sum or value equivalent computed by multiplying the percentage applicable to each such successive category or level of Recovery by the State of Mississippi by the incremental dollar amount falling within each such category and the separate products so derived by multiplying these factors in each category shall be added together to compute the aggregate fee to be paid to the Attorneys. By way of illustration only, the cumulative contingent fee structure shown on this Exhibit

“A” shall be computed, utilizing the following method:

Assume Recovery by the State of Mississippi of a monetary sum, benefit, or value equal to \$600,000,000.00.

The Attorneys’ contingent fee will be computed by adding together the specified, applicable percentage of each category or level, as follows:

- 15% of the first \$25,000,000.00 (*i.e.*, 15% of any sums or values between 0 and \$25,000,000.00)

**PLUS**

- 13% of the next \$50,000,000.00 (*i.e.*, 13% of all sums or values between \$25,000,000.00 and \$75,000,000.00)

**PLUS**

- 7% of the next \$125,000,000.00 (*i.e.*, 7% of all sums or values between \$75,000,000.00 and \$200,000,000.00)

**PLUS**

- 4% of the next \$300,000,000.00 (*i.e.*, 4% of all sums or values between \$200,000,000.00 and \$500,000,000.00)

**PLUS**

- 2% of the next \$100,000,000.00 (*i.e.*, 2% of the difference between \$500,000,000.00 and the amount of the award greater than that sum or value, or in this example, \$600,000,000.00)

Exhibit "B"  
(Counsel Retention Agreement)  
(Matter Resolved After Initiation of Litigation)

For any "Matter Resolved After Initiation of Litigation", the following structured contingent fee schedule shall apply and govern compensation of the Attorneys:

For Recovery by the State of Mississippi Up to \$25,000,000.00:

After filing complaint before discovery completed:	17%
After filing complaint after discovery complete awaiting trial:	20%
After commencement of trial:	25%

For Recovery by the State of Mississippi between \$25,000,000.00 and \$75,000,000.00:

After filing complaint before discovery completed:	15%
After filing complaint after discovery complete awaiting trial:	18%
After commencement of trial:	21%

For Recovery by the State of Mississippi between \$75,000,000.00 to \$200,000,000.00:

After filing complaint before discovery completed:	10%
After filing complaint after discovery complete awaiting trial:	14%
After commencement of trial:	18%

For Recovery by the State of Mississippi between \$200,000,000.00 to \$500,000,000.00:

After filing complaint before discovery completed:	6%
After filing complaint after discovery complete awaiting trial:	8%
After commencement of trial:	10%

For Recovery by the State of Mississippi between \$500,000,000.00 to \$1,000,000,000.00:

After filing complaint before discovery completed:	3%
After filing complaint after discovery complete awaiting trial:	4%
After commencement of trial:	5%

For Recovery by the State of Mississippi over \$1,000,000,000.00:

After filing complaint before discovery completed:	2%
After filing complaint after discovery complete awaiting trial:	3%
After commencement of trial:	4%

### **Explanatory Note & Illustration of Fee Computation**

The structured contingent fee schedule set forth herein is intended to, and shall, operate cumulatively so that, in relation to each successive category or level of Recovery by the State of Mississippi (e.g., "For Recovery by the State of Mississippi Up to \$25,000,000.00," *etc.*), there shall be a specified percentage or percentages governing the amount or valuation of the aggregate contingent fee in each such category, so that the Attorneys shall be entitled to receive, and shall be paid, an aggregate sum or value equivalent computed by multiplying the percentage applicable to each such successive category or level of Recovery by the State of Mississippi by the incremental dollar amount falling within each such category and the separate products so derived by multiplying these factors in each category shall be added together to compute the aggregate fee to be paid to the Attorneys. By way of illustration only, the cumulative contingent fee structure shown on this Exhibit "B" shall be computed, utilizing the following method:

Assume Recovery by the State of Mississippi of a monetary sum, benefit, or value equal to \$600,000,000.00, and assume further that the sum or value was derived "[a]fter filing complaint after discovery complete awaiting trial."

The Attorneys' contingent fee will be computed by adding together the specified, applicable percentage of each category or level, as follows:

- 20% of the first \$25,000,000.00 (*i.e.*, all sums or values between 0 and \$25,000,000.00)

**PLUS**

- 18% of the next \$50,000,000.00 (*i.e.*, all sums or values between \$25,000,000.00 and \$75,000,000.00)

**PLUS**

- 14% of the next \$125,000,000.00 (*i.e.*, all sums or values between \$75,000,000.00 and \$200,000,000.00)

**PLUS**

- 8% of the next \$300,000,000.00 (*i.e.*, all sums or values between \$200,000,000.00 and \$500,000,000.00)

**PLUS**

- 4% of the next \$100,000,000.00 (*i.e.*, 4% of the next sum or value greater than \$500,000,000.00 which, in this example, is \$600,000,000.00)