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PREDETERMINED PERCENTAGE FOR
RECOVERY OF COSTS.

It is not improper in matters not involving litigation to charge a client a predetermined percentage of the legal fee as administrative costs provided that the attorney explains fully to the client the method by which the client's bill will be calculated and the client consents. In matters involving litigation, the client must pay the actual costs associated with the case file. [DR:2-105, EC:2-9, DR:5-103(B)]

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Legal Ethics Committee Note: Rule 1.8(e) allows repayment of advanced costs and expenses to be contingent on the outcome of the matter.

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