



Author's Agreement

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11. Any notice required to be given to either Party by this agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered as follows:

To the State Bar:

Executive Director
 State Bar of New Mexico
 PO Box 92860
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To the Author:

 Printed Name of Author

 Signature of Author

 Date

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 Date