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**COURT-ORDERED PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION
STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

You have been referred for a court-ordered psychological evaluation. This evaluation will include interviews, testing, and collateral contacts. The total time will be around eight to ten hours.

Data collection begins at the time of the initial contact and encompasses all observations and contacts from that point on by clinic staff or me. It is important that you be as honest and truthful as possible. It is also critical to note that all information gathered during the evaluation process might be utilized and included in the report. **Therefore, typical patient-therapist confidentiality does not apply.** Furthermore, if suspicions of abuse or neglect surface during the evaluation process, I am obligated by law to report it to Protective Services.

Your case may be used for training, research, and/or professional certification/association purposes. If this is the case, all identifying information will be removed. Consultation with colleagues may occur regarding your case. Private secretarial services are used to type, format, and/or proof read reports. Such services are instructed to abide by confidentiality guidelines.

Due to my role as a neutral, impartial evaluator, I avoid communication with attorneys during the evaluation process. If such communication needs to occur, it usually happens by letter with copies to both attorneys and court, or through a conference call with both attorneys. A comprehensive report will be provided at the end of the evaluation, which will be sent to each attorney and court.

It is important to avoid multiple relationships as well. Therefore, I do not conduct forensic evaluations on past therapy clients or individuals that I know socially or professionally. This also applies when examinees' immediate or extended family members have been involved with me in the above-mentioned capacities. Your signature at the bottom of the page indicates no knowledge of such an association.

The evaluation cost covers the above-mentioned procedures and report. Any additional services, such as expert testimony during a deposition or trial, will be charged separately. None of these fees are reimbursable by health insurance. Moreover, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) does **not** apply to this evaluation; forensic services are provided, not health care or mental health services.

In the event of a deposition or trial, the case file is often subpoenaed. If this occurs, a copy of the entire case file must be provided to the requesting attorney(s). A fee of twenty-five cents per page is charged.

I understand the above information and give my assent for the evaluation:

Print Name

Signature

Date