
FORENSIC COUNSELING SERVICES

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Letter Regarding Court-Connected Treatment

Dear client,

Choosing to begin counseling can be a difficult decision. It is important when treatment is provided pursuant to legal involvement that we begin with a clear understanding of my professional role. Additionally, your cooperation is necessary in providing information to begin this process and this letter also is intended to help inform you of what will be needed. First of all my role in your legal case is as a professional counselor. As such my goal and my professional obligation is to assist those that I am working with in their personal and interpersonal functioning. This may involve assessment of current functioning, individual and/or family psychotherapy, and other interventions targeted at helping resolve the issues that clients bring to our sessions. Professional ethical requirements are unequivocal that I shall not have any other relationship with clients other than in my role as a professional counselor. This means I will not perform any kind of forensic evaluation, such as a custody evaluation (aka a social study), regarding your case. Nor will I provide to the court recommendations regarding issues of child custody or other such legal questions. I can, at your request or under order of the court, provide information regarding client progress in counseling and other information related directly to our sessions and functioning.

To begin, we have enclosed the following:

- Adult Data Form
- Advisement Form & Addendum for Court-ordered Counseling
- Acknowledgement of Notice of Privacy Practices
- Good Faith Estimate
- Adult Information Form

Please complete only one copy per adult.

For cases where children will be participating, please also find enclosed:

- Consent for Treatment of Minor(s)
- Good Faith Estimate
- Child Information Form

If there is more than one child involved, please make copies and complete one information form and one GFE per child.

Please complete these forms and return them as soon as possible. Each person involved in therapy will need to complete these forms. Please feel free to make copies as needed, or download additional copies from our web page. Once I have received these forms and your initial retainer, I will contact you to schedule our first appointment. If you have any questions please follow up with your attorney, or contact my office at the number above.

Sincerely,



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