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Confidentiality

All information disclosed by persons age 18 and over during the course of evaluation/therapy is confidential, unless the client is clearly a danger to herself/himself or a danger to others, or unless an incident is disclosed regarding neglect or abuse of children (under age 18), mentally or physically disabled persons, or the elderly, or the elderly. We are mandated by the state law to report suspected abuse or neglect of children.

Report Writing/Legal Testimony

Sometimes during the course of evaluation/therapy or after termination of therapy, a client may request that the therapist write a letter or report to a third party, or offer legal expert witness testimony on behalf of the client. In such situations, the therapist will discuss the situation with the client in order to determine whether or not such a letter, report, or testimony is in the client's best interest. If it is determined that such action is in the client's best interest, then the therapist will proceed with the written consent of the client to write the report, letter or offer legal testimony, at the usual rate per hour. Such fees are due and payable at the time of service.

In the event that a formal subpoena for records or testimony is received, the policy will be as follows:

- 1) the client will be notified in writing and provided with a copy of the subpoena;
- 2) the client must either provide the practitioner with a waiver of objective to the subpoena in writing, certified by notary. (A form will be provided by the Therapist); OR
- 3) the client must indicate that an objective will be filed with the court by the client's attorney (with a copy sent to the therapist); AND
- 4) if an objective to the subpoena is to be filed with the court, it is the responsibility of the client to have this objective filed.

All services and expenses incurred by the practitioner for court-related issues will be charged to the client and subject to regular payment policies. Specifically, any time required for contacts with attorney's depositions, or courtroom proceedings will be subject to the established professional fee and the regular payment policies.

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I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the office policies written above.

Printed Name

Signature

Date