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Parenting Time Evaluation Informed Consent for Collateral Contacts

A Parenting Time Evaluation is a court ordered process in which an individual is ordered by a judge to participate. You, as a collateral contact listed by one of the parents, are not directly ordered by the judge to participate, but are asked to participate in an interview in order for the evaluator to comprehensively complete the evaluation and report.

This document is specific to your role as a collateral contact. To fully inform yourself about the complete parenting time evaluation you can read the informed consent document that the biological parent who listed you as a collateral contact reviewed and signed.

Carefully read this entire document and write your initials in the space to the left of each of the items to document that you have read, understand, and agree to the conditions of the interview with the evaluator. In addition, please date and sign where indicated. Signing this document indicates that you understand the interview procedure and agree to participate as specified by the conditions set forth in this document.

___ 1. This is an agreement between the evaluator, and you, the collateral contact, for the evaluator to interview you in the case of _____ vs. _____.

___ 2. For all individuals interviewed, including collateral contacts, there is no such thing as privileged communication for information obtained during evaluations in custody litigation. This means that the evaluator has a duty to report to the court all information that the evaluator discovers during the course of this interview, whether the participant wants the information disclosed or not.

___ 3. Even though there is a lack of confidentiality in Parenting Time Evaluations, steps are taken in an attempt to maintain individuals' privacy. This evaluator does not share information collected during this evaluation process, outside of what is in the final report, without specific written consent of the parties or a direct court order. However, since information is in a report that is released to the respective attorneys, who will likely give that report to their clients, the information that is discussed during your interview will be shared with the parties.

___ 4. All interviews are audio recorded. These recordings are done to provide an accurate account of what occurred during the interviews. This provides a level of accountability for both the evaluator and interview participants.

___ 5. I have read the above, and I **agree** **do not agree** to participate in an interview with the parenting time evaluator under these conditions.

Printed Name

Telephone Number

Email Address

Collateral Contact Signature/Date

Evaluator Signature/Date