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## **Contract for Parenting Plan Consultation Services**

### **Welcome**

The following information is provided to help you make an informed decision about participating in Parenting Plan Consultation, as well as to answer any questions you may have about office policies and treatment. Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have after reviewing the enclosed information.

### **Licensure**

I am licensed by the State of California as a Marriage Family Therapist. I have been licensed by the state of California since 1980. I have a Masters degree in Psychology.

### **Confidentiality**

As your attorney's consultant, I will not divulge information about you to anyone other than your attorney. However, there are important exceptions when I may or am required to reveal information about you without your permission.

1. I am required by law to notify the intended victim and the appropriate law enforcement agencies if I judge that a client has an intention to cause serious bodily harm or death to another individual.
2. I am required by law to report to the appropriate authority any suspected child abuse, neglect, or molestation to protect the child or children involved, which would include downloading, streaming, or otherwise accessing images of any person under the age of 18 engaged in an act of obscene sexual conduct.
3. I am required by law to report to the appropriate authority any suspected abuse, neglect, or molestation of an elderly person or dependent adult to protect the elder or dependent involved.
4. If I assess a client to be suicidal, I am required by law to notify the individuals or agencies necessary to prevent self-harm, including, if necessary, initiating involuntary hospitalization.
5. In cases of alleged criminal or civil liability, I may be court ordered to release treatment information and/or records.
6. I may determine it necessary to discuss some aspects of our work with another qualified professional in order to further your goals. If I seek such consultation, I will not reveal your name or any information that would enable my consultant to identify you.
7. I am permitted to release your name if necessary for collections processing. No consultation-related information, however, would accompany such disclosure.

## **Client's Rights**

1. You have the right to decide to end our work at any time. If you request, I will provide you with the names of other qualified parenting plan consultants.
2. You have the right to learn about alternative ways to deal with your concerns. If you would like, I will discuss these with you during our work together.
3. You have the right to refuse the use of any consultation technique or to refuse to use any suggestions I might make. I will inform you if I intend to use any unusual procedures or make any unusual suggestions and will explain any risks involved.
4. You have the right to ask any questions about the procedures used in parenting plan consultation. If you request, I will explain any unusual procedures of parenting plan consultation to you.

## **Emergencies**

You may leave a message for me at (510) 543-8854, and I will return your call as soon as I can. In the event that you are experiencing a life threatening emergency, you should call 911, the 24-hour crisis team at 1-800-479-3339 or 1-800-784-2433, or go to the emergency room of a local hospital.

## **Parenting Plan Consultation Relationship**

Working with a Marriage and Family Therapist or any other professional parenting plan consultant has only one purpose: to help the client consider appropriate arrangements for their child or children's care. Because patients often disclose to their consultant many deeply felt personal thoughts and experiences, the relationship can become very close and important. Sometimes, clients come to want the relationship to become more than a consultation relationship. Although these feelings are understandable, it is necessary for you to understand that, during or after our work together, we can not have a social friendship or engage in any other business endeavor with each other. If you desire psychotherapy or some other professional service I offer, it will be necessary for us to agree upon a new contract for services. These boundaries are important for effective, ethical parenting plan consultation.

**Parenting Plan Consultation**

Parenting Plan consultation is a joint effort, the results of which cannot be guaranteed. Progress depends upon multiple factors including motivation, effort devoted, and other life circumstances. Helping you to reach your goals is the purpose of our work together. You can do your part by communicating your thoughts and feelings openly and honestly, even though this may be difficult at times. If you are ever concerned that our work together is not helping, please let me know so that we can discuss your concerns.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read this form and have had any questions I had answered to my satisfaction. I agree to participate in parenting plan consultation with Stuart Lord, MA, LMFT (MFC 15429).

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

Stuart Lord, MA, LMFT  
Consultant

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Signature

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Date