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**Policy Statement of Forensic Testimony and Client's Endorsement**

As your psychologist, we are committed to providing quality services within the limits of ethical restrictions. For this reason, we will not voluntarily go to court to provide forensic (litigation) opinions about matters outside the scope of the client's therapy, such as whether the client should get more or less physical custody over a child, whether the client is a fit parent, or whether a client is likely innocent or guilty of a criminal charge. Such opinions are generally offered by forensic experts after they have completed a forensic investigation. The therapeutic relationship is very different from a forensic evaluation. It is considered unethical for a practitioner to take on the dual role of therapist and forensic evaluator.

If a third party (such as a state agency, an insurance company lawyer, or opposing counsel in a child custody matter) serves a subpoena on a therapist for such forensic testimony, we will notify you of the subpoena and support you or your legal counsel in resisting it. If your own legal counsel serves such a subpoena on a counselor, we will resist that subpoena as well.

*By signing below, I state that I have read the above policy statement of forensic testimony, I understand the policy statement, and I agree that I will not ask my counselor to violate that policy.*

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Patient's parent

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Date