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LEPAGE ASSOCIATES FORENSIC EVALUATION SERVICES AND FEE AGREEMENT

(This form is for FORENSIC cases. If your evaluation will not be used in court, ask for another form.)

Psychological Evaluations (Used when the question is primarily one of mental health and/or risk.)

Expanded Psychological Evaluation: May includes cognitive, emotional and personality testing, and provides in-depth information on an individual's functioning in all three of these areas. Useful to help understand what a person is thinking and feeling, their underlying personality structure, intellectual strengths and limitations, coping skills or areas of weakness in coping, and why a person behaves as he or she does. In clinically complex cases and/or cases in which it is hard for a person to get in touch with or articulate what the problem is he or she is experiencing, a full psychological evaluation can be an invaluable resource for providing diagnostic clarification and treatment recommendations. Evaluation may be broken down into two sessions to avoid fatigue for the client and thus result in the clearest diagnostic results. Cost is \$1,995.00, half due in first evaluation session and remaining half due in second evaluation session or at the time the report is completed. Includes collateral contacts for court related cases. Final interpretive session is provided free of charge.

Psychological Evaluation: Includes emotional and personality testing, and provides in-depth information on an individual's functioning in both of these areas. Useful to understand what a person is thinking and feeling, their underlying personality structure, coping skills or areas of weakness in coping, and why a person behaves as he or she does. If previous cognitive testing exists or it seems cognitive limitations do not bear on the case, an abbreviated psychological evaluation can be an invaluable resource for providing diagnostic clarification and treatment recommendations. Cost is \$1,495.00, all due at once if one evaluation session is used, or half due in first evaluation session and remaining half due in second evaluation session if two sessions are used. Final interpretive session is provided free of charge.

Full Battery: Combined Full Psychological (described above) plus Full Psychoeducational (which rules-out AD/HD and LD). The most comprehensive testing battery available, to determine in-depth all cognitive, educational, emotional and personality factors affecting a person. Cost is \$2,550.00, half due in first evaluation session and remaining half due in second evaluation session. Final interpretive session is provided free of charge.

Risk Assessment (RA): Expanded or standard psychological evaluation or full battery, plus collateral contacts and records review, with analysis of level of risk for future behaviors and focus of recommendations on suggestions for reducing risk of continued delinquent or criminal behavior (to include domestic violence, child abuse, violent and non-violent criminal behavior, etc.

Costs: RA Expanded psychological evaluation \$2,250.00; RA standard psychological evaluation \$1,695.00; and RA full battery \$2,950.00.

MMPI-2 only: The most widely used and widely researched test of adult psychopathology. A self-report measure used to screen for clinical and psychosocial disorders. Questions on the MMPI-2 are designed to evaluate the thoughts, emotions, attitudes, and behavioral traits that comprise personality. The results of the test reflect an individual's personality strengths and weaknesses, and can identify certain disturbances of personality (that is, psychopathologies). Cost is \$250.00 due in full at the evaluation session. (Optional 30-minute feedback session is \$80.00.)

Parental Capacity Evaluation: Includes diagnostic interview with parent and child(ren), psychological testing of parent, parent-child observation, and collateral contacts and records review. Results provide in-depth information on parent's psychological functioning and parenting abilities and functioning. Cost is \$3,000.00 due in full at the first session. Final interpretive session is provided free of charge. (Note for a full custody evaluation of both parties this is not the correct form; there is a separate form.)

Immigration Evaluation: Varies based on client needs. For individual: Generally, 1-hr interview/PDSQ and 30-minutes for letter so \$300.00. Complex case with longer interview would be \$400.00. For family: Generally, 1-hr interview (1) child + 1-hr interview parents + write report 2-hrs = \$800.00. If adding testing or doing observation would be \$1,000.00.

Competency to Stand Trial Evaluation/Waive Miranda Rights: Includes an in-depth clinical/competency interview to determine if the accused is competent to stand trial/waive Miranda rights, and records review or collateral contacts as necessary. To be used in court to assist judge with decisions regarding competency. Cost is \$1,495-2,550 (depending on testing needed) due in full at the evaluation session. Final interpretive session is provided free of charge.

Malingering Evaluation: Includes an in-depth clinical interview, testing specifically designed to detect malingering, and records review or collateral contacts as necessary to determine if the accused is likely malingering. Cost is \$1,495.00 for questions of mental health malingering and \$1,995.00 for cognitive malingering, due in full at the evaluation session. Final interpretive session is provided free of charge.

Sex Offender Evaluation: Includes emotional and personality testing, and provides in-depth information on an individual's functioning in these areas with an added emphasis on sexual functioning and risk. Overall psychological and sexual functioning taken into account for case disposition. Cost is \$1,495 to 2,250.00, due in full at the evaluation session. Final interpretive session is provided free of charge.

Mitigation/Diminished Capacity, and the Insanity Defense: Mental state/functioning at the time of the offense. Includes an in-depth clinical interview to determine the accused's mental capacity or insanity, and records review or collateral contacts as necessary. Cost is \$1,495.00 due in full at the evaluation session. Final interpretive session is provided free of charge. (If IQ testing is added, fee increases to \$1,995.00. If additional mental health testing is needed, fees are as noted above.)

Substance Abuse Evaluations (Used when the question is primarily one of substance use.)

Juvenile Substance Abuse Evaluation: Clinical interview, PDSQ, SASSI-A, and parent interview to determine or rule out any substance-related diagnosis, risk for future use, and treatment recommendations as needed. Gives clarity about whether substances are part of the child's difficulties, and recommendations for level of treatment necessary to address any substance abuse. Results in verbal recommendations as well as any letter of results needed for court. Cost is \$495.00 due in full at the evaluation. (If review of past records or lengthier report is required, this is billed at an additional \$175.00 per hour.)

Adult Substance Abuse Evaluation: Clinical interview, PDSQ, and SASSI to determine or rule out any substance-related diagnosis, risk for future use, and treatment recommendations. May also include additional psychological testing. Results letter/report of results needed for court. Cost is \$1,495.00. (For cases with extensive review of records expanded evaluation may be needed which is \$1,995.00.)

OTHER CIVIL, CRIMINAL, OR FAMILY COURT EVALUATIONS Please refer to Page 4 for a comprehensive list of all evaluations offered.

Additional Time All other services not covered in flat fees above, including home visits, letters, email (reading and responding), telephone consultation (with yourself or others), etc., are billed at \$200.00/hr.

Collateral Contacts Excessive collateral contacts and records reviews above norm in any evaluation above are extra and billed at \$200.00 per hour. If you are concerned this may apply to you ask your evaluator and he or she will describe for you the typical amount of collaterals and records involved in each evaluation so you can be clear what would increase your costs.

Settlement Conferences Your evaluator will attend for \$250.00 per hour + \$150.00 per hour travel time.

Depositions and Testimony Your evaluator will be deposed by lawyers if necessary, and should the case proceed to court, and will appear in court if necessary. However, all evaluation fees include evaluation and report only, but do not cover giving depositions, which are billed at \$350.00 per hour, or the time preparing for or testifying in court, which is billed at \$350.00 per hour. Travel time is \$150.00 per hour. **Entire fees must be paid in advance** based on an estimate of time we will provide you with if called.

TAPE RECORDING AT ANY TIME IS NOT ALLOWED.

By signing below, you swear you are not tape recording.

Copying and Returning of Materials Provided to Us: **Please do not give us originals of any materials. We do not make copies of materials provided to us for yourself, your attorney, or the other side, and we do not return any materials provided to us.** We are not a photocopy facility; should you desire copies of materials one another provided, you need to get those from each other or from the original source. Our report will list the original source of all information so that parties can be clear where to locate information, if parties did not already agree in advance to make copies of materials provided to us for one another as well. If you did not have such an agreement in place and you desire copies, you must go to the original source for this information, or you and the other party could agree to provide to one another's attorneys all information you each provided to your evaluator.

Confidentiality: **Principles of confidentiality and privilege do not apply within the context of a court-ordered evaluation; the privacy of the information is not protected under federal medical privacy law. There is no confidentiality in a court-ordered evaluation.** Information is subject to re-disclosure by a recipient of such information, and your evaluator will regularly disclose what is said or presented by all parties, collateral contacts, children, etc., when asking follow-up questions of others, and observations and test results will also be disclosed in the report. Information may be disclosed to the court, your attorney, or the opposing side's attorney during the course of legal action related to the evaluation. Information concerning your payments is also not confidential, and both sides can be given a complete accounting of all payments made by both parties and any amounts owed. Also, your evaluator is required by law to report allegations of abuse or neglect, and this reporting must not be interpreted as a display of support for the individual who made the allegations or against the person being accused, or as an indication that the evaluator finds the allegations credible. Records will not be released without a court order or the client's consent.

Necessity for Structured Contacts: **In the interests of a balanced evaluation and expediency, during the evaluation your contact with the evaluator is limited to the structured interviews and contacts included in the evaluation. To clarify, you are not to email or phone the evaluator** other than to schedule or cancel appointments, unless the evaluator has specifically asked you to provide information via email or phone (such as an evaluator-initiated follow-up interview or an evaluator-requested email).

Additional Fee Information: (1) If you are receiving a court-ordered evaluation, depositions and testimony may be part of the services we are asked to provide; depositions and testimony may fall under the same court-ordered responsibility for the costs. However, typically it is the party subpoenaing the testimony who pays in full for witness services. Client payment must be in cashier's check. (2) If we are subpoenaed

to provide case materials, time for your evaluator to go through the file and pull data is billed at \$200.00 per hour; there is no additional charge per page for copies. However, please note most requests for documents cost between \$100.00 to \$200.00, as it takes 30-60 minutes to go through the file. (3) Please note you are solely responsible for payment of all collateral contacts we make on your case.

Evaluation Feedback and End of Contact: If requested we will provide one 30-45-minute verbal feedback session either in-person or via telephone, mode chosen by evaluator; these feedback sessions are included in the flat fees but are billed separately when we are doing hourly consults. **That will conclude in its entirety the scope of our ability to provide feedback regarding the report.** However, we do agree to be hired to attend settlement conferences, and/or provide deposition or testimony if needed.

THIS FORM SPECIFIC TO EVALUATIONS IS AN ADJUNCT TO THE GENERAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FORM. YOU MUST HAVE ALSO FILLED OUT THAT FORM WITH YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALSO FILLED OUT AND SIGNED THE MENATL HEALTH SERVICE AGREEMENT, PLEASE ASK FOR THAT NOW. THANK YOU!

**PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN PAGE 5 AND FILL IN ALL INFORMATION.
KEEP PAGES 1-4 FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AND RETURN PAGE 5 TO US.**

NOTICE OF EMAIL OF FINAL REPORT: It is our experience clients and/or attorneys like to receive an electronic copy of their report for their records, even though email cannot be guaranteed as a secure form of communication. Because this tends to be preferred, unless you tell your clinician you do not want the report sent via email, we will send your report via email. If you do NOT want your report emailed: (1) tell your clinician directly and (2) CROSS OUT the line on Page 5 about email.

