

Independent and Court-Ordered Forensic Neuropsychological Examinations

Referral Source:

You have been referred for an independent forensic neuropsychological examination (i.e., evaluation of your thinking abilities) by:

(Referral Source)

Nature and Purpose:

The goal of neuropsychological assessment is to determine if any changes have occurred in your attention, memory, language, problem solving or other thinking skills. The current examination has been requested because of your claim of neuropsychological injury. It is common when someone is in an accident, is injured, and sees doctors for evaluation and treatment, that the insurance carrier or an attorney representing the defense in a law suit will request an examination by an expert neuropsychologist of their choosing. A neuropsychological examination will include an interview, where questions will be asked about your background and current medical symptoms. Additionally, standardized tests and other techniques may be used, including, but not limited to, asking questions about your knowledge of certain topics, reading, drawing figures and shapes, learning word lists or stories, viewing printed material, and manipulating objects. Your task is to answer questions as accurately as you can; for example, when discussing your problems, do not minimize significant problems, but also do not exaggerate lesser concerns. You are to give your best effort during the testing. This does not mean that you have to get every answer or problem correct, for no one ever does. However, you do have to give your best effort. Part of the examination will address the accuracy of your responses, as well as the degree of effort that you exert on the tests.

Foreseeable Risks, Discomforts, and Benefits:

For some individuals, neuropsychological examinations can cause fatigue, frustration, and anxiousness. An attempt will be made to help you minimize these factors. The results of this examination may either support or not support your claim. The results of this examination will be forwarded to _____.

If your claim involves a lawsuit, at minimum, the defense attorney and staff and your attorney and staff will have access to the results of this examination. Should your case proceed to trial, those involved in the trial will be exposed to the results of the examination, and the court record will be available for anyone to review. Beyond the above, confidential information about you obtained during the examination can

ordinarily be released only with your written permission. There are some special circumstances that can limit confidentiality, which include, but are not limited to, (a) a statement of intent to harm yourself or others, (b) statements indicating harm or abuse of children or vulnerable adults, and (c) a subpoena from a court of law.

I have read and agree with the nature and purpose of this examination and to each of the points listed above. I have had an opportunity to clarify any questions and discuss any points of concern before signing.

Examinee Name (printed)

Examinee Name (Signature)

Date

Witness (Signature)

Date