

# INITIAL CONSULTATION AGREEMENT

**PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR FIRST MEETING IS AN INITIAL CONSULTATION ONLY. IT DOES NOT ESTABLISH AN ATTORNEY- CLIENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MELISSA F. BROWN, LLC, AND YOU.**

All information provided to our firm by you as part of this packet and at the Initial Consultation is protected by the Attorney Client Privilege. Please understand, however, that by meeting with you to discuss your legal concerns, we have not undertaken your representation. Meeting with our firm for an Initial Consultation does not bind this firm or the potential client in any way to provide further work or legal services. Should this firm undertake your representation, our arrangement must be formalized in writing and consideration must be paid for our services beyond the cost of the Initial Consultation.

Essentially, the Initial Consultation is an opportunity for our firm to meet you and gather information about your legal concerns. It is also an opportunity for you and the firm to determine whether we are likely to have a strong, productive working relationship.

The Initial Consultation lasts approximately three (3) hours and includes two (2) hours of time reviewing the documents provided by you beforehand. The cost for this consultation is \$\_\_\_\_\_ [Fee will be quoted when appointment is set.] Any additional time that Mrs. Brown spends with you or reviewing your file materials shall be billed to you at her normal rate of \$375.00 per hour.

Family Law litigation is often an emotionally and financially draining process. It can also be lengthy and exhausting. Therefore, it is critical for the client, attorney and the attorney's staff to work well together. We realize there are situations where our firm is not the right fit for a potential client. Therefore, that the firm retains the right to refuse to take on a matter, just as you, the potential client, retain the right to decide not to retain us. Thus, by signing this agreement, you acknowledge that this Initial Consultation is limited in scope and purpose, and does not require this Firm to enter into a retainer agreement with you.

By your signature below, you acknowledge that you have read this entire document, and agree and understand the limited nature of the Initial Consultation, as well as its cost. Thank you for considering our firm. We look forward to meeting you.

I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to the statements above.

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Name (please print)

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Date

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Signature

