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Your Name: _____ **Retainer:**_____ (flat/hourly)

Date: _____ **Contested:** Y / N

CLIENT QUESTIONNAIRE - PATERNITY

Please fill out this questionnaire. It is important that you answer each question **FULLY**. It is imperative that you be candid!

You should answer all questions relevant to your case. If a question does not apply to your particular situation, please indicate by marking the question "N/A". If the answer to any question requires more space than has been provided on the form, please complete your answer on a separate sheet: Refer to the question number to which your answer applies, and attach your answer to this questionnaire.

Your responses to these questions will help to organize your case and will save you money on attorney's fees in trying to gather and assemble information after the case is in progress.

Since your answers are being made to an attorney, you are assured of confidentiality and are protected by the attorney-client privilege. In order to maintain confidentiality no one else can be present in the meeting with the attorney unless there is prior approval by the attorney

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Office Use Only:

County: _____ **Retainer Fee:** _____ **Contested: Yes / No**

Notes: _____

PERSONAL

ABOUT YOU:

1. Please give your *full* name, date and place of birth, and Social Security number.

Full name: _____ Maiden name: _____
Birth date: _____ Current Age: _____ Race: _____
County where born: _____ State where born: _____
Social Security number: _____ Driver's license number: _____

2. Where are you living now, and what is your phone number?

Address: _____
City: _____
County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home phone: _____ Mobile: _____
Email Address: _____

3. At what address do you wish to receive mail from this office? _____

4. How do you prefer that we contact you?

Address: _____
Phone: _____
Fax: _____
Mobile phone: _____
Email Address: _____

5. How were you referred to this office (please check one)?:

- Personal reference: _____
- Internet – Website: _____
- Other: _____

6. Have you consulted any other attorneys on this matter before coming to this office? _____
If so, please state who and when: _____

7. Please complete the following information concerning your employment.

Employer: _____
Job title: _____
Street address: _____
City, state, zip: _____
Telephone number: _____
May we call you at work? _____
Gross salary per month or annually: _____
Length of employment: _____
Education: _____

ABOUT THE OTHER PARENT:

8. Please give the *full* name (including maiden name), date and place of birth, and Social Security number of the child's other parent.

Full name: _____ (Maiden) _____
Birth date: _____ Current Age: _____ Race: _____
County where born: _____ State where born: _____
Social Security #: _____ Driver's license #: _____
Relationship to you or children (i.e. ex-spouse, biological father of...) _____

9. Where is the other parent living now, and what is his or her phone number?

Address: _____
City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home phone: _____

10. Please complete the following information concerning the other parent's employment.

Employer: _____
Job title: _____
Street address: _____
City, state, zip: _____
Telephone number: _____
Gross salary per month or annually: _____
Length of employment: _____
Education: _____

ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN:

- 11. Please give the full name, date and place of birth, sex, and Social Security number of each of the children subject of this paternity:**

Name: _____
Sex (M/F): _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____
Place of birth: _____
Social Security number: _____ Driver's License No. _____
What you wish the child's name to be if changed in this paternity case: _____

Name: _____
Sex (M/F): _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____
Place of birth: _____
Social Security number: _____ Driver's License No. _____
What you wish the child's name to be if changed in this paternity case: _____

Name: _____
Sex (M/F): _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____
Place of birth: _____
Social Security number: _____ Driver's License No. _____
What you wish the child's name to be if changed in this paternity case: _____

Name: _____
Sex (M/F): _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____
Place of birth: _____
Social Security number: _____ Driver's License No. _____
What you wish the child's name to be if changed in this paternity case: _____

- 12. Will there be a dispute over the children?** _____
If not, with whom will custody be? _____
- 13. Where and with whom are the children living now?** _____

ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OTHER PARENT:

- 14. Have you ever lived with this person?** _____
If so, where and how long? _____
- 15. Why and when did you separate?** _____
- 16. Is the other party in agreement to this paternity?** _____
If not, what do you think the objections will be? _____
- 17. Did you and the other party ever present yourself as being married?** _____
If so, please state how: _____

18. **Do you pay/receive child support?** _____
If so, how much? \$ _____ per _____

19. **Do the child(ren) have insurance?** _____
If so, who provides the insurance and how much is it? _____

20. **Have you ever been married to this person?** _____
Or have any intentions of being married? _____

21. **Does the other party have an attorney?** _____
If so, who? _____

22. **Do you party pay/receive child support?** _____
If so, how much? \$ _____ per _____

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If so, how much? \$ _____ per _____

23. **Do you or the other party have any other children for whom a duty of support is owed?** _____

If so, please give the full name, date and place of birth, sex, and Social Security number of each such child:

Name: _____
Sex (M/F): _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____
Place of birth: _____
Social Security number: _____ Driver's License No. _____

Name: _____
Sex (M/F): _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____
Place of birth: _____
Social Security number: _____ Driver's License No. _____

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Place of birth: _____
Social Security number: _____ Driver's License No. _____

24. **Do the children involved in the paternity own any property?** _____
If so, please describe: _____

25. **Are the children subject to a prior court order?** _____
 If so, please describe _____
26. **Were the children conceived in Texas?** _____
27. **How long have you resided in Texas?** _____
 What county do you reside in? _____
 How long have you resided in that County? _____
28. **"Skeletons in the Closet" and Sensitive Topics:**

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU BE OPEN AND HONEST IN ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. ANY DISCUSSION RELATING TO ANY OF THESE TOPICS BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR ATTORNEY WILL BE PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE. IF YOU FAIL TO BE HONEST IN ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS, IT COULD BE ABSOLUTELY DISASTROUS TO YOUR CASE.

If an answer to one of the questions below is "yes," please describe the situation in detail.

Will anyone allege that you or the other party has done any of the following:

	You	Other Party
Committed a crime?	_____	_____
Been arrested?	_____	_____
Been in jail or prison?	_____	_____
Used illegal drugs?	_____	_____
Been hospitalized for using illegal drugs?	_____	_____
Abused prescription drugs?	_____	_____
Been hospitalized for abusing prescription drugs?	_____	_____
Abused alcohol?	_____	_____
Been hospitalized for abusing alcohol?	_____	_____
Been arrested for or convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol (drunk driving)?	_____	_____
Engaged in gambling activities (legal or illegal)?	_____	_____
Engaged in other illegal activities?	_____	_____
Attempted suicide?	_____	_____
Been hospitalized for an emotional or psychiatric disorder?	_____	_____

Suffered from or received treatment for an emotional or psychiatric condition? _____

Abused spouse? _____

Been accused of child abuse? _____

Had a sexual relationship during the relationship with someone other than your partner? _____

If so, describe the children's reaction to the relationship and the children's feelings about the person(s) involved in the relationship. _____

	You	Other Party
Had a homosexual/bisexual relationship?	_____	_____
Engaged in unusual sexual practices?	_____	_____
Had a pregnancy outside of a marriage?	_____	_____
Had a sexually transmitted disease?	_____	_____
Drunk to excess? If so, what and how often? _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Other? _____	_____	_____

29. If you or the other party has a relationship with a person whom the children see frequently and that person would answer "yes" to one or more of the preceding "skeleton-in-the-closet" questions, describe the situation: _____

30. Do you the other party suffer from any physical disability that would interfere with being able to care for the children? _____

31. Have you or the other party made any photographs or audio or visual recordings of the other party? _____ If so, describe the content: _____

