

# CLIENT QUESTIONNAIRE

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to securing a favorable ending to your criminal case, we want to make sure that the outcome of your criminal case, to the extent possible, does not cause difficulties for you in any other part of your life, like your job, your housing, or your education. For example, if you are not a citizen of the United States, you can be removed from the U.S. for some convictions. Whether you are a citizen or not, you can also lose your job, get evicted, have your parental rights terminated, or lose your educational benefits. We want to avoid those problems to the extent possible. Please fill out this questionnaire. The more information we have about you and your life, the easier it will be to try to avoid any problems in your life.

**THE INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE ON THIS FORM IS CONFIDENTIAL, AND IS COVERED BY ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.**

## CITIZENSHIP

**If you are not a U.S. citizen, a criminal conviction could lead to your removal from the United States. THIS OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE EXPERTISE IN IMMIGRATION LAW. YOU SHOULD SEEK ADVICE FROM AN IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY BEFORE ACCEPTING ANY RESOLUTION OF YOUR CRIMINAL CASE.**

Are you a U.S. Citizen: yes ; no

If you are not a U.S. Citizen:

What is your immigration status: \_\_\_\_\_  
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How long have you been in the United States: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been removed from the U.S. or been refused admission at the border:  
yes ; no  ??? Ask Sejal

If yes, where and for what crimes: \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPLOYMENT:

**Certain criminal convictions can prevent you from working in a particular job or from getting/keeping an occupational license.**

What kind of work do you do: \_\_\_\_\_

How many people do you support with your income: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of adults; \_\_\_\_\_ No. of children.

List any professional or occupational licenses you have (e.g. cab license, plumbing license):

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Have you had to pass a background check to get a job: yes ; no

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you, or do you intend to, work in:

- schools or school services (e.g. teacher, school janitor, school cafeteria, etc.)
- healthcare
- a place that cares for the elderly or persons with disabilities (adult foster home, nursing home, etc.)
- private security/security guard
- airline transportation
- transportation
- childcare
- government employment
- military
- tribal government or Native American casinos
- General Contractor
- Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement

**If you work in schools, long-term care, transportation, childcare, and certain other fields, you may be required to report your arrest or any conviction to your employer.**

Have you reported your arrest to your employer: yes ; no

## HOUSING

**If you are convicted of a criminal offense, depending on your conviction, you can be evicted. If you live in subsidized housing or have a Section 8 voucher, you can lose that as well. The members of your household can also lose their housing. You should talk to a legal aid attorney.**

If you rent, do you have a lease: yes ; no

If yes, when is your lease up: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your landlord threatened to evict you: yes ; no

Do you live in subsidized rental housing or have a Section 8 voucher: yes ; no

If you live in subsidized housing or have a Section 8 voucher, list every person who lives with you, including their name, age, and relationship to you:

Name

Age

Relationship to You

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Whose name is on the lease and/or on the Section 8 voucher: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are ever convicted of a sex offense, you may no longer be able to live within 1000 feet of a school, even if you own your home.**

Is your home within 1000 feet of a school: yes ; no

**PUBLIC BENEFITS**

**In many states, if you are convicted of a drug-related felony, you will be unable to receive public assistance or food stamps for the rest of your life.**

Do you receive public assistance (e.g. welfare, food stamps, SSI, etc.): yes ; no

If yes, list the benefits you receive and how much you get: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you currently live, or plan to live, in a state other than North Carolina: yes ; no

If yes, which state: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are applying for or receiving public assistance, you may be required to pass a national warrant check. If you have an open felony warrant, in this case or any other cases, or if you are in violation of a condition of probation or parole, you will be denied certain kinds of benefits, including SSI, food stamps, welfare, and subsidized housing.**

Do you have any open felony warrants: yes ; no

**DRIVER'S LICENSE**

**Certain drug and alcohol convictions can affect your ability to get or keep a driver's license.**

Do you have a driver's license: yes ; no

Do you need a driver's license for your job: yes ; no

**STUDENT LOANS**

**In most cases, if you get a drug conviction while you are receiving student loans, your ability to get student loans will be suspended for at least a year.**

Are you currently attending college or trade school: yes ; no

If yes, what school are you/will you attend, and what are you studying:

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Are you receiving student loans: yes ; no

Will you need student loans in the future: yes ; no

### SCHOOL EXPULSION

**If you are convicted of certain crimes, like possessing a weapon at school, committing sex crimes on school property, or arson in a school building, then you will be expelled from school. Other crimes, such as assault or bomb threats, can also result in suspension or expulsion. You may be able to petition to get back into school after a period of time has passed.**

Are you in school: yes ; no  If yes, what grade: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what school: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you talked to school officials about your case: yes ; no

### PROPERTY FORFEITURE

**\_\_\_\_\_ If this box is checked, you are charged with a crime that, if you are convicted, could result in the state trying to take away your property, like your home, car, or bank account.**

Please list all your major assets, their value, any co-owner for each asset, and whether there is a loan or mortgage on the asset, including any automobiles, bank accounts, and real estate:

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Co-Owners</u>	<u>Loan Amount</u>
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