

JOINT REPRESENTATION CONFLICT DISCLOSURE AND WAIVER

Date: [Date]

To:

[Spouse Name 1]

[Spouse Name 2]

[Address]

Re: Joint Representation in [Case Name/Court Case Number]

Dear [Spouse Name 1] and [Spouse Name 2],

You have asked [Law Firm/Attorney Name] to represent both of you as co-defendants in the above-referenced civil litigation. Under the Rules of Professional Conduct, an attorney has a duty to provide undivided loyalty to each client. Representing multiple parties in the same matter can create a potential conflict of interest.

1. Potential Conflicts

While your interests currently appear aligned, conflicts may arise if:

- One spouse decides to shift blame or legal liability to the other.
- Your testimony or recollections of facts differ significantly.
- A settlement offer is made that benefits one spouse more than the other.
- One spouse wishes to settle while the other wishes to go to trial.

2. Shared Confidentiality

In a joint representation, there is no "attorney-client privilege" between the two of you regarding this matter. Any information shared by one spouse with the attorney may be disclosed to the other spouse. However, your collective communications remain privileged against third parties.

3. Withdrawal

If an actual conflict arises that cannot be resolved, I may be required to withdraw from representing both of you. In such an event, you would both need to hire new, separate legal counsel, which may increase your legal costs.

4. Informed Consent

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have been advised of the potential risks, have had the opportunity to consult with independent counsel regarding this waiver, and voluntarily choose to proceed with joint representation.

Sincerely,

[Attorney Signature]

[Attorney Name]

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND WAIVER

We have read this letter and understand the potential conflicts of interest. We hereby waive any such conflicts and authorize [Law Firm/Attorney Name] to represent us jointly.

[Spouse Name 1] Signature

Date: [Date]

[Spouse Name 2] Signature

Date: [Date]