**CONSULTING ATTORNEY SERVICES**

**Potential Client Questionnaire**

Please Note: Attorney Iris McKay is available to take the following types of San Diego County family law cases only. All meetings are conducted by Zoom or telephone.

**As a Consulting Attorney, she can help you in three ways:**

1. **Divorce planning and education to understand your rights and obligations prior to a divorce being filed**
2. **Advising you as to y*our* rights and how they are being addressed in your Mediation—by advising you privately, as well as attending Mediation on your behalf.**
3. **Second Opinion services if you are currently frustrated with an ongoing Litigation, Mediation or Collaborative Law experience.**

Payment of consulting fees. All services prepaid. Hourly rate is $500. After an appointment has been made, you will be asked to pay using the Pay Portal on Page 1 of our website, [www.irismckay.com](http://www.irismckay.com).

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

**BASIC INFORMATION - MANDATORY**

Your Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your Spouse or Opposing Party’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/Employer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is this concerning a family law matter in San Diego County? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Have any divorce or other legal papers been filed? \_\_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, please explain or include a PDF copy with your Questionnaire.

**WHAT TYPE OF CONSULTING ATTORNEY DO YOU NEED?** (See above descriptions)

\_\_\_\_\_ I. Divorce Planning and Education

\_\_\_\_\_ II. For Mediation

\_\_\_\_\_ III. For Second Opinion

Please complete relevant Part of Questionnaire depending on your need.

**OPTION I – DIVORCE PLANNING AND EDUCATION**

**1—At what stage of divorce are you?** \_\_\_\_\_ Gathering information to determine if divorce is a good option for you. \_\_\_\_\_Planning for divorce in the near future.

**2—Which issues are you interested in discussing?** Check all that apply below.

\_\_\_\_ General information as to process \_\_\_\_Support \_\_\_\_ Child custody \_\_\_\_Property division \_\_\_\_Narcissistic or bullying spouse \_\_\_\_PTSD for any family member \_\_\_\_Alcohol/drug issues

\_\_\_\_Other special circumstance \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3-Have you and your spouse discussed divorce?** \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If Yes, have you discussed mediation? Do you believe mediation would be a good option for you?

**4-What are your 3 primary concerns** (legal or otherwise) that you would like to discuss in your initial consultation.

Concern 1:

Concern 2:

Concern 3:

**5-Please provide any background information that you believe will be helpful.** The more that is understood about your concerns, the more efficient the consultation time will be. Use as much space as needed to explain your current situation, including additional pages.

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**1-Has the mediation process started?** \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

**2-Name of Mediator** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No. of sessions so far \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3-What areas of concern do you have that you would like to discuss?**

**OPTION III – I NEED A CONSULTING ATTORNEY FOR A SECOND OPINION**

**1-How long has your San Diego family law case been in process?**  Since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**2-Name of your attorney.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Note: This will be kept confidential. The attorney will not know that you have reached out for a second opinion.

**3-Please check the concerns you have with this attorney:**

**\_\_\_\_** Is not responding to my calls, emails or other communication.

\_\_\_\_ Charges for activities and tasks that have not been discussed with me.

\_\_\_\_ Overcharges or double charges for attorney or staff services.

\_\_\_\_ Is not effectively representing me (the other attorney has control of the case).

\_\_\_\_ Other: Please explain your concerns.

**PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN AN INITIAL CONSULTATION**

Prior to scheduling the consultation, this questionnaire needs to be completed and emailed to [admin@irismckay.com](mailto:admin@irismckay.com) to run a conflict of interest check and to obtain a meeting time.

Although consultations are billed at $500 per hour, clients who have been specifically referred by their therapist, lawyer or former client may be given a 15-minute complimentary vetting consultation.

When completed, please submit directly to [admin@irismckay.com](mailto:admin@irismckay.com) by attachment, We accept Word, PDF, JPG files.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me at [admin@irismckay.com](mailto:admin@irismckay.com).

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