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Client Story Release

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This document is to help you understand exactly what kinds of information LAWV would like to share about you and how we will share it, so you can make an informed decision about whether to give your permission. If you have more questions or concerns after reading this, you are encouraged to discuss them with an attorney before signing.

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- 1) You are not required or expected to give LAWV permission to publish information about you or your case. Whether you do or don't give permission, it won't affect the services you receive from LAWV.
- 2) LAWV will not use your real name or the real names of anyone involved in your case, and we won't say what city you live in (currently or formerly.) Also, we will omit or change potentially identifying details. Examples of identifying details might be your job, your employer, schools you attended, etc. We will never alter details in a way that fundamentally changes the facts of your case, and we will never create additional details about you or your case. Additionally, we will not publish photographs of you unless you discuss it with an attorney and sign a separate photo waiver.
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