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Client Story Release

Legal Aid of West Virginia's (LAWV) work is funded by grants and donations, and these funders often want to hear about the work we are doing for our clients. One way we do this is by sharing client stories, but we need your permission.

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.

What LAWV Wants You to Understand:

- 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.
- 3) LAWV client stories include basic details about your legal issue and the legal process. For example, a client story might include that the case involved a custody dispute or that a domestic violence protective order was granted. LAWV will not disclose specific details of conversations you had with your attorney. For the most part your client story will include information that is in the pleadings or a court order. That said, if there is specific information you would like us to keep private, please let us know in the space below:
- 4) By signing this you are giving LAWV permission to share your information in publicly accessible places like Facebook, Twitter, the LAWV website, the LAWV e-newsletter, and letters and reports



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(print and electronic) shared with institutional funders, donors, and members of the general public. We will not share your story through external media sources like newspapers, television, and radio.

- 5) Your story may be used in materials that ask for donations in support of LAWV. LAWV is a nonprofit organization and any donations received in response to those materials will ONLY be used to support LAWV services.
- 6) Your story belongs to you, and you may cancel this agreement at any time by contacting the LAWV Communications Department at lawv@lawv.net or calling the LAWV Development and Communications Director at 304-414-5438.

What Your Signature Means:

- 1) I am giving my permission to LAWV voluntarily.
- 2) I understand the terms written in the section above and I have been offered a chance to discuss any additional questions or concerns with an attorney.
- 3) I understand that LAWV will take steps (as outlined above) to protect my identity, but it cannot guarantee I will not be identified.
- 4) I understand I won't receive any money or other compensation from LAWV for sharing my story.
- 5) I understand if I cancel this agreement, my story will be removed from the LAWV website and social media sites and will no longer be used in future digital or print media. However, LAWV cannot guarantee that removal from its digital media sites will result in complete absence from all internet browsers. Further, LAWV may continue to circulate printed materials provided this consent was valid at the time of printing.
- 6) This release is valid for two years from the time it is signed or until revoked.

X / _____ / _____
(Signature) (Print Name) (Date)

(Address) (Telephone)

Representative of LAWV

(Signature) (Print name) (Title) (Date)

Approved by Legal Director October 20, 2021