

Goodman & Associates Initial Consult Form

The purpose of an initial consultation is for the attorney to advise you, the *prospective* client what if anything, may be done for you, and to estimate what the costs may be. *The purpose is not to render a definitive legal opinion* as it may be impossible to fully assess a matter within the time frame allotted for a consultation or with the (information or documents) that you may be able to provide at the initial consultation.

One of three outcomes is possible following your consultation.

- A. You and the Attorney mutually agree to the terms of representation, or (After a separate document called a Fee Agreement / Consulting Agreement is signed, a copy will be provided to you.)**
- B. The Attorney declines representation, or**
- C. You decide not to use the services of the Attorney.**

Note: The following questions will help us to understand the reason for your visit today. Your responses are protected by attorney/client privilege and will be held in strict confidence.

Name _____
 Last First Middle

Address _____
 Number Street City State Zip

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell (____) _____ email _____

Goodman & Associates does not offer free initial consultations. Initial Consultations are scheduled for 1 hour and billed at \$300 hr for meeting with Karen Goodman.

How will you pay for your initial Consultation?

Check today Cash today

Credit Card Visa/MC Card No. _____ Expr. Date _____
 3 digit CSC Code _____

Briefly explain what you may need advice about or assistance with today:

Are there any parties involved? (Examples: a friend, an employer, a neighbor, signor of a contract, etc. This should include parties on either side of your issue)

Party _____ Relationship _____

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Have you ever been represented by an attorney before? Yes No
If Yes – Please state the circumstances

Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Widowed Separated

Drivers License # _____ Social Security # _____

Are you known by any other names? Yes No
If yes name(s) _____
(A fictitious name, a nickname, a former name, your maiden name etc.)

Where are you employed?

May we contact you there? Yes No Phone No. (___) _____

How did you learn of our office A friend Yellow Pages Bar Referral
 Our Web Page [http:// www.goodman-law.com](http://www.goodman-law.com) Former Client Other _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY & Sign Below

Following your initial interview, if you agree to hire the Attorney, and the Attorney agrees to represent you, you will both sign an Fee Agreement / Consulting Agreement. The Agreement will set forth the terms and conditions of representation.

If the Attorney is willing to represent you and you decide not to sign an Fee Agreement / Consulting Agreement today, you are strongly urged to schedule a second appointment with the Attorney at the earliest possible time or to immediately consult with other legal counsel to protect your rights.

NOTICE: This office does not represent you with regard to the matters set forth by you herein in this information sheet or discussed during your consultation unless and until, both you and the Attorney execute a written Fee Agreement / Consulting Agreement.

If the Attorney does not agree to represent you, this includes not representing you with regard to the matter set forth by you on this information sheet, nor any other matters you may discuss with the Attorney during your consultation. If your legal problem(s) involve a potential lawsuit, it is important that you realize a lawsuit must be filed within a certain period of time called a Statute of Limitations. Therefore, the Attorney strongly urges you to immediately consult with another attorney to protect your rights. The Attorney’s decision not to represent you should not be taken by you as an expression regarding the merits of your case.

Your signature acknowledges that you received a copy of this completed information sheet and agree to pay for initial consultation, and does not mean you have hired the Attorney.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___ / ___ / ___

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