



## CHILD CUSTODY EVALUATION PROCEEDINGS COMPLAINT FORM

**This form shall be completed ONLY for complaints regarding child custody evaluations.**

**Please be advised that the Board of Psychologist Examiner’s jurisdiction is limited. They can only investigate complaints against psychologists licensed by the Board and cannot obtain refunds of money paid to licensees nor necessarily obtain the outcome you desire. The Board can only impose disciplinary measures against a licensee found to have violated the Professional Psychologist Act or Rules adopted by the Board.**

This Complaint Form shall be completed in its entirety. The form may be typed or written legibly. Please attach additional pages if necessary for additional information, explanation and/or details and refer to the section(s) you are explaining.

**1. General information:**

Complainant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Custody Evaluator’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Does this complaint involve a child custody evaluation?  YES  NO  
 (If your answer is NO, please stop and contact the Board Administrator regarding the proper form to use.)

Was the evaluation Court ordered?  YES  NO



**2. The Board will entertain complaints pertaining to a custody evaluation on a case by case basis. While the case is in progress, you have legal options other than a complaint to the Board to deal with your concerns.**

Have the custody and time-sharing issues in this case been resolved by the District Court?  
 YES  NO

If your answer is NO and you decide you would like to continue with filing this complaint, please explain the exceptional circumstances that require the Board's attention prior to completion of the custody case. (Please use additional sheets to explain further.)

**3. The Board's preference is to begin investigations of board complaints only when other avenues of resolution have been reasonably exhausted. You have options other than a complaint to the Board when your concerns regard the recommendations.**

a. Is your complaint based on a disagreement with the psychologist's recommendations?  
 YES  NO

b. Does your complaint involve the procedures used in your case?  YES  NO

c. Does your complaint involve fees or other financial matters?  YES  NO

d. Does your complaint involve the role the psychologist played in your case?  
 YES  NO

e. Have you informed your attorney that you are dissatisfied with the recommendations?  
 YES  NO

f. If you do not have an attorney, please indicate in Section 6 how you have tried to address your dissatisfaction with the recommendations.  YES  NO

g. Did you file objections to the recommendations?  YES  NO

h. Have you asked for a second opinion?  YES  NO

i. Has the Court ordered a second opinion?  YES  NO

j. If a second opinion has been ordered, has that evaluation been concluded?  
 YES  NO

**4. Ethical Concerns and Procedures**

Please refer to the latest edition of the American Psychological Association's guidelines for child custody evaluations when answering the following questions.



- a. Did the Psychologist obtain your consent before beginning the evaluations?  
Refer to Guideline III-9.  YES  NO
- b. Did the Psychologist explain the limits of confidentiality and under what circumstances the information could be disclosed? Refer to Guideline III-10.  YES  NO

Psychologists use multiple methods of data gathering, including, but not limited to, some of the following procedures/guidelines. **Please check the appropriate box if these procedures were done.**

- c. Did the psychologist use a variety of sources in order to obtain information? Refer to Guideline III.
- i. Both parents were interviewed  YES  NO
  - ii. The Child(ren) were observed with the parents  YES  NO
  - iii. Step-parents were interviewed  YES  NO
  - iv. Collateral sources were contacted (teachers, therapists, etc.)  YES  NO
- d. Did the psychologist give an opinion about a person not interviewed or evaluated?  
Refer to Guideline III-13.  YES  NO
- e. Did the psychologist explain fees and payment requirements prior to the evaluation?  YES  NO
- f. Did the psychologist serve in multiple roles? For example, did the psychologist serve as a therapist or mediator and then as an evaluator?  YES  NO
5. **Are there other areas of concern not covered or considered in the previous questions? (Please use additional sheets to explain further.)**  YES  NO

