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EVAL #

FIRM/ LAWYER NAME

Office address, Tel. No.

Interview Date / Time

Others in Attendance



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EXPERIENCE

What is your role at this practice, e.g. Partner, Associate, Student, etc.?

How long have you been practicing law in Canada, and how long at this practice?

Did you practice in another country before practicing here? If yes, for how many years?

Are you registered and in good standing with the Law Society for this Province/Territory?



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CAPACITY

Do you currently have adequate time to support my matter?

Do you work alone (if YES, a follow-up question may be “do you have other staff to support my needs if you are unavailable”)?

Do you regularly you work from the courthouse where my matter is appearing (if NO, a follow-up question would be “will there be charges to travel to the courthouse”)?



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OBSERVATIONS

What do you observe as the proportion of Guilty vs. Not Guilty verdicts in Criminal impaired driving matters in your practice?

Tell me about common obstacles that you observe when defending a Criminal impaired driving Not Guilty plea?

Can you tell me about a matter you represented, where you negotiated a Guilty Plea (plea bargain)?

- How much time did it take from the event?
- What was the defendant sentenced to?
- How much did the matter cost your client?



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FEES

What options to you offer, in terms of charging your clients?

If Flat Fee, isn't the work requirement much more for Trial?

If I decide to plead Guilty, is it less cost than a trial?

Does your practice offer payment terms?



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TIMELINES

Based on the current courthouse workload, what is the current timeline for scheduling/hearing Trials?

How long will the matter take to resolve if we choose to go to Trial vs. Plea Guilty?

COURT APPEARANCES

Would you attend the first appearance on my behalf, or would I need to attend or attend remotely (e.g. via zoom)?



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What are the appearance procedures for my attendance, for subsequent court dates?

COMMUNICATIONS

What is your preferred method of communication, e.g. updates after court appearances?

Are there any specific days of the week that you allocate to be in the office for meetings, calls, etcetera?

PROSECUTOR

Do you know who the Prosecutor is for this courthouse?



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Do you have a relationship with this Prosecutor?

Do you have any observations about this Prosecutor?

Additional Q #1

Additional Q #2



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Additional Q #3

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE FREESTYLE NOTES
