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## The Client – Case No. Defendant Medical Exam Attendance Report

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## CONFIDENTIAL — ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT

**Exam Date:** March 5, 2019

**Appointment Time:** 3:15 p.m.

**Location:** 

Oradell, NJ 07649

**Examining Doctor:** The Examiner, neurosurgeon

**Examination Start Time:** 3:47 p.m. **Examination End Time:** 3:59 p.m.

**2:45 p.m.:** The Client Advocate arrives at the scheduled location and tells the receptionist he is attending an exam with The Client, administered by The Examiner. She advises him that The Client has yet to arrive, and invites him to have a seat in the waiting room.

**3:05 p.m.:** The Client arrives and checks in with the receptionist. He is accompanied by his wife, the receptionist asks The Client for a photo ID, which he provides. She asks The Client to complete two intake forms: one from Exam Works, and another from the doctor's office. The Client Advocate assists in the completion of the intake form. He submits the completed forms to the receptionist, and obtains a copy, which can be found at the end of this report.

**3:47 p.m.:** The Client is called into an exam room. The Client Advocate and both accompany him. The Examiner introduces himself to The Client, and The Client Advocate. The Examiner asks The Client if he was involved in a motor vehicle accident at high speed, and he says yes. The Examiner asks The Client if he received injections as a result of this accident, and he says yes. The Examiner asks The Client if the injections are helpful, and he says no.

The Examiner asks The Client if he experiences pain, and he says yes. The Examiner asks The Client where he experiences the pain, and he says his low back. He adds that his low back pain radiates down the sides of his hips and thighs. The Examiner asks

The Client to describe the pain, and he says it feels stiff. The Examiner asks The Client if the pain travels down his legs, and he says no. The Examiner asks The Client if his back surgery was helpful, and he says no, because he still feels pain. The Examiner asks The Client when his back surgery was performed, and he says June 2018. The Examiner asks The Client if he is still treating with his surgeon, and he says he has not been back yet, but he will see him again in the future.

The Examiner asks The Client if he is taking any medications as a result of this accident, and he says no, not anymore. The Examiner asks The Client if he takes medication for pain, and he says yes, he takes Tylenol as needed.

**3:53 p.m.:** Using measuring tape, The Examiner measures the circumference of The Client's thighs and shins. The Examiner asks The Client if his legs feel okay, and he says yes. Using a reflex hammer, The Examiner tests the reflexes at The Client's elbows, knees, and Achilles tendons. The Examiner tests The Client's leg strength by placing his closed fist between The Client's knees, and asking The Client to squeeze his fist with his legs as hard as he can.

The Examiner asks The Client to flex, extend, and laterally bend his ankles, one at a time. The Examiner tests The Client's ankle strength by performing a series of manual resistance tests.

The Examiner asks The Client to stand up straight. The Examiner observes The Client's surgical scar. The Examiner asks The Client if he wears a back brace, and he says yes. The Examiner asks The Client to point to the area of his back where he feels the most pain. The Client indicates his low back area just above his buttocks, but he adds that he would have to stand for about ten minutes before the pain gets that bad. The Examiner asks The Client to flex, extend, and laterally bend at his hips. The Examiner asks The Client what his current pain level is on a scale of one to ten. The Client says his current pain level is a three.

The Examiner asks The Client if he sustained a neck injury as well, and he says yes. The Examiner asks The Client if he had a prior back fusion, and he says yes, in 1999. The Examiner asks The Client how he injured his back in 1999. The Client says it was work-related. The Examiner remarks that The Client's surgeon included his new fusion with his old one.

The Examiner asks The Client if he is still waiting on treatment, and he says yes, he is waiting to hear what his doctors have to say about his back. The Examiner asks The Client if he experiences neck pain, and he says yes. The Examiner asks The Client if the neck pain is accompanied by arm pain, and he says yes, he loses feeling in his arms.

The Examiner asks The Client to place his arms out in front of himself. He tests his upper body strength by performing a series of manual resistance tests. The Examiner tests The Client's grip strength by asking to him to squeeze his fingers as hard as he can. The Examiner asks The Client to touch his pointer fingers to his thumbs, and then his pinky

fingers to his thumbs. The Examiner asks The Client if he was working as a security guard on the date of this accident, and he says yes.

**3:59 p.m.:** The Examiner tells The Client that he has everything he needs, and the exam is now complete. He thanks The Client for coming in. The Client, and The Client Advocate exit the exam location.

**Personal Observations:** The Examiner was kind and professional throughout the examination, and I thought The Client and handled themselves well. The Client's Parkinson's symptoms were present during the exam, but not to the extent that they were at his last DME, and he did his best to answer The Examiner's questions succinctly and honestly. The Examiner seemed familiar with The Client's medical records.