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Thank you for attending the recent webinar put on for your group! I hope the information I shared regarding the neuropsychological services available through On With Life was helpful to you and that we will be able to work together in the future. Along with the additional information below, you will find all the information you need in this packet to refer to us in the future.

As a neuropsychologist at On With Life, I am able to perform neuropsychological evaluation services for attorneys, both plaintiff and defense, to help in answering the complex questions that arise from a TBI. In addition, I also provide consultations when the need for a full evaluation is not warranted. A consultation can save the time and expense of a full neuropsychological evaluation in cases in which it may not be necessary or may be unadvised, depending on the circumstances of the case. A consultation includes review of medical records and a discussion with the referring attorney in order to determine the merits of the case/potential case.

A full neuropsychological evaluation includes the review of medical records, interviews with clients and relevant others, and individually-administered ability tests that comprehensively sample ability domains known to be sensitive to the functional integrity of the brain (abstraction, memory and learning, attention, language, problem-solving). These tests are objective and quantitative and require a demonstration of competence in a particular cognitive domain. Forensic questions addressed by a neuropsychological evaluation include:

- Proving/disproving brain injury
- Etiology - determination of causation in brain injury cases
- Determination of malingering/presence of psychological factors in a case
- Emotional/psychological/psychosocial problems post-brain injury as real and their relation to the injury
- Documenting the cognitive and psychological effects of injury

With more than 35 years of experience in clinical neuropsychology working with people of all ages, I understand that each case and its supporting factors require careful consideration. My goal is to provide thorough evaluations for brain injury survivors, share my expertise with those who refer patients to me, and answer questions relating to the condition of the patient's brain and the difficulties the individual faces.

All evaluations include a comprehensive, detailed neuropsychological report and are provided in a quick, timely manner. Listed on the reverse side of this letter are questions/issues that my evaluations can be helpful in addressing. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have and can be reached at 515-289-9640.

Sincerely,

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We have included information in this packet about our neuropsychological evaluation and consultation services, as well as information about On With Life. If you are interested in learning more about brain injury myths and misconceptions or the value of neuropsychological evaluations in cases involving known or suspected brain injury, I am available to visit with you via Zoom over the lunch hour or for a short meeting to answer any questions regarding the usefulness of a neuropsychological evaluation. Please contact my office at 515-289-9640 to schedule.

A neuropsychological evaluation can be helpful in addressing:

- Return to work
- Whether work restrictions are required
- Whether additional medical treatment is recommended
- Return home, and with what degree of assistance
- Return to school
- Proving/disproving presence and severity of a brain injury
- Ability to manage financial affairs
- Determining the deficits/prognosis due to the injury
- Presence and impact of learning disorders/disabilities, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder and pervasive developmental disorders (autism)
- Differentiation of brain injury from psychological/psychiatric factors, and the presence of malingering/suboptimal effort
- What are the assets that can be capitalized on? (not just deficit-oriented)
- What areas may spontaneously improve, and which will require compensatory strategies?
- Are there behavior problems that may interfere in life?
- Are there substance abuse issues?
- Are there any social and/or social skill issues that may interfere with life?
- What is the psychological status of an individual?