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INFORMED CONSENT FOR SPOUSES

When there are problems in a marriage, it is very hard on those involved. It is important that a safe environment be provided to enable spouses to work to improve their relationship. That safety becomes endangered when one or both spouses have to worry that what he/she says in therapy will be revealed in court and used against him/her. Destroying privileged communication protection for psychologist and clients interferes with effective therapy.

Consequently, all communications among the parties and Beth L. Fineberg, Ph.D. will be confidential and privileged from disclosure. Only if both spouses agree to disclosure and sign release forms will it occur, but as for legal proceedings, both spouses stipulate that Dr. Fineberg will not be required to testify at or to produce for any proceeding or in any court, opinions, records, documents, or recordings formed or created as part of their psychotherapy. However, a judge may decide not to honor this agreement and may require that such information be supplied, in which case, it must be done.

These stipulations are clear to us and we agree to abide by them. We are fully satisfied with this approach to protect our confidences from disclosure for the purposes of any legal process.

We agree that the foregoing is true and correct and mutually agreed upon:

_____ Date _____
Wife

_____ Date _____
Husband

_____ Date _____
Witness