

**INFORMED CONSENT FOR SOCIAL WORK SERVICES**

**SCOPE** - Several Law Clinics within the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law work in collaboration with social work staff and interns who provide consultation to the legal team as well as direct services, social service referrals and support to clients. These clinics include: The Domestic Violence Law Clinic (DVLC), Child and Family Clinic (CFLC), Immigration Law Clinic (ILC) and Worker’s Rights Clinic (WRC). Social workers respect and promote the right of clients to make their own decisions about their lives. They try to help clients to identify and clarify their goals. It is entirely your decision whether you want us to talk with a social worker about your case and whether you want to talk and work together with a social worker.

**CONFIDENTIALITY** – Social workers are required to protect the confidentiality of all information they get in the course of However, there are exceptions to this rule. First, the law requires social workers to report to the authorities responsible for protecting children if they learn about past, present or future acts of abuse or mistreatment of a child (such as harmful or dangerous neglect of a child) or of a vulnerable adult. The other situation in which social workers are required to report to the authorities is when a client poses an imminent risk of harm to himself or herself or to someone else. If you are unsure whether a social worker would be required to report information that you may discuss with him or her, you should talk with the law students or lawyer who are working on your case. Often, there are ways to limit the information you provide to social workers that will still enable them to help you get the services you need.

**TERMINATION** – If, for any reason, you do not wish to have a social worker involved in your interview or in any manner involved in your case, you may tell us that and/or tell the social worker that. Your decision not to ask for help or to decline the help of a social worker will not cause the Immigration Law Clinic to stop working on your immigration case or to work less hard on your case and will not otherwise result in any negative consequences from the Immigration Law Clinic.

**INFORMED CONSENT** - By signing below, you are saying that you understand this statement and you **AGREE** to the participation of one or more social work interns in your case. You are also agreeing to allow us to share information about you with the social work staff that we believe may help the social workers to assist you. You may terminate and/or limit social work involvement at any time. In some cases, your legal team may advise you to limit your involvement with social work staff/interns or will inform you of the risks and benefits of such involvement. You should feel free to ask the law students or attorney working on your case about the risks and benefits of your involvement with social work staff or interns at any time.

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Client Date

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Witness Date