



Bill of Rights

Your rights as a client:

1. You are entitled to information about any procedures, methods of therapy, techniques, and possible duration of therapy. If you desire, I will explain my usual approach as well as qualifications.
2. You have the right to decide not to receive therapeutic assistance from me or to seek a second opinion from another therapist. I will provide you with the names of other qualified professionals whose services you might prefer.
3. You have the right to end therapy at any time without any moral, legal, or financial obligation other than those already accrued.
4. In a professional relationship such as ours sexual intimacy or other exploitation between therapist and client is never appropriate. If such activity occurs, it should be reported to the Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, 2829 University Avenue, Suite 330, Minneapolis, MN 55414, 612-617-2220.
5. You have the right to expect confidentiality within the limits described under #7 below.
6. If you request in writing, a summary of any records can be released to any person or agency you designate and you may review your own records with the therapist. NOTE that consent from *all* clients in the treatment unit is needed for a release of records. Also, you may authorize me, in writing, to consult with another professional about your therapy.
7. There are certain situations in which I am required by law to reveal information obtained during therapy without your permission. These situations are:
 - (a) You threaten bodily harm or death to yourself or another person;
 - (b) A court of law issues a legitimate court order (signed by a judge);
 - (c) You reveal information relative to physical abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult (in the past as well as the present);
 - (d) You are in therapy by order of a court of law;
 - (e) You are involved in a criminal or delinquency proceeding.

Signature: _____ Date: _____