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## **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Informed Consent**

My degree is Master of Social Work earned from Newman University, 2012. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker; license number CSW.09924090.

The Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies has the general responsibility of regulating the practice of licensed psychologists, licensed social workers, licensed professional counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed school psychologists practicing outside the school setting, and unlicensed individuals who practice psychotherapy.

The agency within the Department that has responsibility specifically for licensed psychotherapists is the Department of Regulatory Agencies, Mental Health Section, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1370, Denver, Colorado 80202, 303-894-7766.

Client Rights and Important Information:

You are entitled to receive information from me about my methods of therapy, the techniques I use, the duration of your therapy (if I can determine it), and my fee structure. Please ask if you would like to receive this information.

You can seek a second opinion from another therapist or terminate therapy at any time.

In a professional relationship (such as ours), sexual intimacy between a therapist and a client is never appropriate. If sexual intimacy occurs, it should be reported to the Department of Regulatory Agencies, Mental Health Section.

The information provided by and to a client is protected as confidential under law (CRS 12,43,214 (a)(d) with certain exceptions. These exceptions include suicidal, homicidal, and grave disability risk, child abuse and child neglect, and elder abuse and elder exploitation. Please note: Child abuse refers to any child abuse you discuss in therapy or that is observed. This includes illegal sexual contact between two minors, or abuse of children outside your family. I am mandated to report suspected child abuse.

Information disclosed to a licensed social worker is privileged communication and cannot be disclosed in any court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Colorado without the consent of the person to whom the testimony sought relates. As of July 1, 2017, Colorado law requires that client records be kept for seven years after termination of services. Records will not be maintained after the seven year retention period.

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If you are involved in a divorce or custody litigation, it is important to know that my role as a therapist is not to make recommendations for the court concerning custody or parenting issues or to testify in court concerning opinions on issues involved in the litigation. By signing this disclosure statement, you agree not to call me as a witness in any such litigation. Experience has shown that testimony by therapists in domestic dispute cases causes damage to the clinical relationship between a therapist and client. Only court-appointed experts, investigators, or evaluators can make recommendations to the court on disputed issues concerning parental responsibilities and parenting plans.

Legal confidentiality does not apply in a criminal or delinquency proceeding.

If you are in couple's therapy with me, it is important for you to know that I will not keep secrets for either person from the other that may be harmful to the therapeutic relationship. If you are a minor and you engage in an activity that I deem to be dangerous to your well-being, this information will not be kept from your parents.

I will seek consultation and supervision regarding your therapy when appropriate, and every effort will be made to keep your name and other identifying information as confidential as possible.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to ask. I have read the preceding information and understand my rights as a client.

_____	_____
Client	Date
_____	_____
Client	Date
_____	_____
Parent or Guardian (if client is under 18)	Date
_____	_____
Jennifer Lawrence Rice, LCSW	Date