



DARN LAWYERS~ Our insurance requires this form!

1. FREE 15 MINUTE INITIAL CONSULTATION

Each prospective client is afforded one free fifteen-minute informative session with a staff member of Hait & Kuhn. Most prospective clients DO NOT need more than 15 minutes. We ask that you be respectful of the fifteen-minute time frame so that we can continue to meet with other clients free of charge. If you have a free consultation with us, and you call us six-months later for another consultation, there will be a fee. ____ (initial)

The initial consultation is an informative session aimed at explaining the legal process to prospective clients. Georgia law prohibits attorneys from “teaching” clients how to practice law. At the conclusion of the consultation, Hait & Kuhn cannot respond to additional emails or take additional phone calls from the prospective client or another attorney. Should we accept phone calls or respond to emails, an attorney client relationship attaches and our malpractice insurance rates skyrocket (hence the darn lawyers comment above). Should you have additional questions, you need to pay a small fee to extend the consultation. Often times, we will work you in so you will not have to make a second trip. ____ (initial)

We will not review agreements or give specific legal advice during the consultation. Again, if we did this for every possible client, the malpractice insurance company gets very grumpy and raises our rates. Should you desire specific services, an additional fee is needed and will be determined by the attorney during the consultation. At that point, you will sign a contract and officially hire us as your attorney! (Insert celebration music here). ____ (initial)

2. NO ATTORNEY CLIENT RELATIONSHIP

Until the client and the attorney sign a contract, and a retainer is paid, no attorney-client relationship exists. However, the information provided by the client during the initial consultation is protected by attorney-client privilege and the information will remain confidential. Our insurance company wants us to tell you this, just like your medical insurance company decides what healthcare you need (instead of your doctor). Insurance knows best! (NOT) ____ (initial)

3. FAILURE TO SECURE AN ATTORNEY

Failure to timely retain an attorney is likely to be detrimental. If you were served with a lawsuit, you have a very narrow time frame to respond (10-30 days depending on the type of matter). Also, if you are here for an injury case, there are certain notice requirements that must be met. It is impossible to type them all here, so we will just tell you that **Hait & Kuhn assumes no liability for the client’s failure to timely respond to a lawsuit or failure to timely retain an attorney for all purposes.** If you are a Defendant in an active lawsuit we urge you to hire an attorney immediately! (per the lawyer’s advice and not the insurance company’s advice) _____ (initial).

I, _____ (print your name) read and understand the parameters of the initial consultation.

_____ (sign your name) _____ (date)