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Case Number: _____

Last Name:

First Name:

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CARPLS attorneys and staff assist people in need of legal advice in the Early Resolution Program of the Circuit Court of Cook County. It is important to know that CARPLS attorneys **DO NOT** represent people in court and **will not** be able to appear before the judge with you, but **will** be able to provide you with the information you should know to best represent yourself. Please read and sign the following disclaimer regarding CARPLS' short-term limited legal services.

LIMITED REPRESENTATION DISCLAIMER

1. Limited Services Offered. I understand that CARPLS offers short-term limited legal services. I understand that CARPLS' services are limited to legal advice, referrals, and assistance with mediation and/or negotiation. I understand that CARPLS does not provide representation in court and under no circumstance does any CARPLS attorney guarantee the outcome of any case, negotiation, or settlement.

2. Services are Short-Term. I am participating in the Court's Early Resolution Program (ERP) for eviction or consumer debt actions. I understand that I have been granted a continuance (more time until my next court date) as an opportunity to obtain legal advice and attempt to resolve the case by agreement. I understand that ERP services are limited to this continuance time period. I understand I can terminate CARPLS ERP services at any time.

3. Self Representation. I understand that I am proceeding "pro se." This means that I am currently representing myself in court and I am not currently represented by an attorney. I was informed of and understand the following:

- That I remain "in charge" of my own case and I am responsible for the outcome. I am solely responsible for applying for any rental or financial assistance programs, attending mediations sessions, filing any paperwork, complying with court orders and agreements, meeting all deadlines and being present in court on all dates. The CARPLS attorney will not do these things for me.
- That there is significant risk in proceeding without an attorney, particularly if the opposing party is represented by an attorney.
- That I will be held to the same standards as a licensed attorney when representing myself in court.
- That I am solely responsible for the truth of any statements that I make to the CARPLS attorney, to other parties, and in court pleadings. I have been informed that by signing an affidavit, agreed order, or filing any pleading with the court, that I am assuming responsibility for the truth of the statements made by me and that I may be subject to perjury, fines or jail time imposed by the court should the statements or pleadings be found to be false.

4. Communication. I understand that it is important for me to communicate with the CARPLS attorneys and staff in order to receive assistance. I understand that CARPLS will terminate assistance if I fail to communicate or cooperate with CARPLS attorneys and staff.

5. Read & Understood Terms and Conditions of Service. I have read the above information and understand the limits and conditions of the legal services provided by CARPLS.

X _____
Client's Signature

Date

CARPLS ERP Hotline: 855-956-5763
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