

Policy and Informed Consent for Marriage Coaching

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Confidentiality

All information disclosed within sessions is confidential and may not be revealed to anyone without written permission except where disclosure is permitted or required by law. Those situations include but are not limited to: 1) when there is reasonable suspicion of abuse to a child or to a dependent or elder adult, 2) when the client communicates a threat of bodily injury to others, 3) when the client is suicidal, 4) when the client has been physically injured due to violence; 5) when disclosure is required pursuant to a legal proceeding.

No Secrets Policy

We will not hold secrets for either partner. If information is disclosed during a potential individual session that is relevant or essential to the proper treatment of the couple, we will give every opportunity to disclose the information and will provide guidance in this process. If the individual refuses to disclose the information within a couple's session, it may be necessary to discontinue the marriage coaching relationship.

Court Proceedings

It is understood that the purpose of marriage coaching is for the healing of the marital relationship. Therefore, if both partners request our services, they are expected not to use information shared in sessions against the other party in a judicial setting of any kind, be it civil, criminal, or circuit. Likewise, neither party shall for any reason attempt to subpoena our testimony or the records to be presented in a deposition or court hearing of any kind for any reason, such as a divorce case.

Release of Records

Both partners must provide their consent to release coaching records. If one partner does not provide consent, records will not be released.

Course of Treatment

Participation by each person is voluntary. Either participant may suspend or terminate coaching at any time. ***There will be no refunds given, however.*** If one spouse quits, any balance remaining may be used by the other spouse for individual sessions.

I certify by my signature below that I have read, fully understand, and agree to abide by the stated policies.

(x) _____
Signature

Date

(x) _____
Signature

Date