

REMOTE SERVICE CONFIDENTIALITY DISCLOSURE

It is the policy and practice of Defense Service Office West (DSOWest) that the confidentiality of all client information and related matters is protected in every possible manner and at all times. Individuals who seek legal services from DSOWest do so under the attorney-client relationship that is limited in time and scope and our professional and ethical obligation to ensure confidentiality is protected. All personnel assigned to DSOWest fall under this confidentiality requirement and may NOT discuss any matters outside of the office, including the names of prospective, actual or former clients, specific legal matters that an individual is seeking assistance for, and any specific matter or outcome that may occur in an individual case unless authorized with the client's permission or otherwise authorized by law.

I understand this means that while I am receiving legal assistance services via remote means; i.e. telephonically, Defense Connect Online (DCO), electronic mail (email), or other means not conducted face-to-face in a DSO office, the above confidentiality also applies. I further understand that the use of technology to communicate with NLSO SW personnel carries an inherent risk of third party interception. Although DSOWest will take all reasonable measures necessary to ensure privacy in remote attorney-client communications, DSOWest cannot guarantee privacy as remote communications rely upon providers outside of the Department of Defense, i.e. cell phone signals/providers, Navy-Marine Corps Internet (NMCI) or commercial internet provider, or any other electronic medium.

I also understand if any unauthorized or nonessential third party is present or can overhear any portion of the conversation, confidentiality and the applicability of the attorney-client privilege may be compromised. In other words, parties outside of DSOWest are not bound by ethical rules to maintain the confidence of the communication and could potentially testify regarding what they have intercepted. This includes RLSO personnel working adjacent to DSOWest remote offices.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand this disclosure and have had the opportunity to discuss this with a DSO West attorney before commencing any confidential discussions. I consent to receiving legal assistance advice by remote, electronic means and that DSOWest will take all precautions within its control to ensure the confidentiality of our communications.

Signature

Date

Print Name Here and Last 4 or DOB: