

JOINT DEFENSE AGREEMENT

1. Each of the clients and attorneys signing below agree that this is a JOINT DEFENSE AGREEMENT. Further each expressly agrees that such an agreement is needed in this case to protect our individual and collective work product and attorney-client privileges.
2. It is the intention of this agreement relating to the development and implementation of common defense strategies, including but not limited to information and communication contained in documents, memoranda, correspondence, drafts, notes, factual summaries, communications among counsel, or counsel and clients and any joint or several interview of prospective witnesses, as well as any other material and information which would otherwise be protected from disclosure to third parties would be privileged are, and will remain, confidential and protected from disclosure to any third party by their clients' respective attorney-client and attorneys' work product privilege.
3. Any exchange of information in connection with such joint efforts is not intended to waive any attorney/client or attorney work product privilege, or other protection from disclosure to third parties, which may be otherwise available. All work performed by the undersigned counsel pursuant to this Agreement and communications among the undersigned counsel and their and/or clients in connection with this undertaking shall be conducted and protected pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and work product doctrine as recognized in the State of _____.
4. ALL communications oral, written, text, email, and otherwise between one or more of the attorneys and/or one or more of the clients is covered by this agreement.
5. ALL communications oral, written, text, email, and otherwise between one or more of the clients and another client is covered by this agreement.
6. ALL communications oral, written, text, email, and otherwise between any attorney working on this case and any other attorney working on this case and/or the office of that attorney and/or any private investigator and/or any employee of one of the attorneys working on this case is covered by this agreement.
7. NO communications as mentioned above may be disclosed to any third party without consent of all of the undersigned.
8. The parties signing below acknowledge that each has previously signed and filed with the court a "Waiver of Separate Counsel".
9. Each party is advised that they may withdraw from this agreement at any time; however that withdrawal must be in writing and an attempt must be made to serve that withdrawal on all other parties as soon as possible after the withdrawal is made.
10. This agreement becomes effective as soon as all clients and all attorneys have signed.

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