

	Forensic	Therapeutic
Purpose	Assist Courts/Agents of Court	Diagnosis/Treatment Planning
Client	Court/Legal Authority	Examinee
Scope	Specific, narrow focus	More open-ended, with possibility of evolving during evaluation
Timeframe	Well-defined	Open-ended
Role of Evaluator	Objective, “detached”	Advocate
Trust	Proactively assesses motivation, truthfulness	Increased assumption of trustworthiness of examinee
Confidentiality	Variable; cannot be assured	Available with exceptions
Ultimate Decision	Court/Legal Authority	Evaluator/treatment team

What to Include in the Court Order

- Specific questions and any relevant legal criteria
- Identification of the client and relevant parties
- Practical matters: Payment source, amount allowed, and contact information, timeframe
- Authorizations and Limitations (records, interviews, specific questions or types of questions)
- Work Product: Who owns the report? Is information privileged? Where should it go/not go?