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Information on Obtaining an Occupational Driver's License

Due to an arrest or conviction for certain alcohol or drug offenses or for certain other criminal violations or juvenile adjudications, you may now be faced with the temporary suspension of your driver's license. Obviously, this situation creates quite a hardship. One solution is to obtain an occupational driver's license from the Court. The occupational license will allow you to drive to work, school, and for other essential needs (picking up children, meeting probation terms, driving to obtain medical treatment, etc.).

The procedure for obtaining the license is roughly as follows:

Obtain proof of insurance. **I MUST HAVE A COPY OF YOUR INSURANCE TO FILE ALONG WITH THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR YOUR OCCUPATIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSE.**

File with the Court your application for an occupational driver's license. If you have been charged in juvenile court and are still on probation there, no filing fees will be charged against you. Otherwise, I will require payment up front for filing fees and attorney's fees.

Give at least 10 days' notice to the Denton County District Attorney's Office of the hearing date on your application for occupational driver's license. If you are on juvenile probation, a longer "waiting period" might be required.

Attend Court with me to conduct a hearing in front of the Judge showing her why it is necessary that you be allowed to drive under certain circumstances during your suspension period. The district attorney will likely oppose all requests for occupational driver's licenses. However, unless your circumstances are egregious, the Judge will likely sign an Order granting you an Occupational Driver's License.

Mail the Court's Order to the Texas DPS so they have record that your suspension is "modified" to allow you to drive under certain circumstances. You must also request a "paper copy" of your occupational driver's license from DPS. An SR-22 (from your insurance company) is required.

Carry the Court's Order with you at all times while driving.

Remember to pay your reinstatement fee to have your regular driver's license reinstated after the suspension period.

If you would like me to assist you in this matter, a Questionnaire follows this information sheet. Kindly complete the same and forward it to me along with the filing fees and attorney's fees.

Notice to Clients: The State Bar of Texas investigates and prosecutes professional misconduct committed by Texas attorneys. Although not every complaint against or dispute with a lawyer involves professional misconduct, the State Bar Office of General Counsel will provide you with information about how to file a complaint. For more information please call 1-800-932-1900. This is a toll free phone call.

OCCUPATIONAL DL QUESTIONNAIRE

CLIENT'S FULL NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

DL#: _____ SS#: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

ANY OTHER CONTACT NUMBER/INFORMATION: _____

OFFENSE FOR WHICH DL SUSPENDED: _____

DATE OF OFFENSE: _____

PLACE OF OFFENSE (city, county, state) _____

WHAT IS THE PERIOD OF SUSPENSION: From: _____

To: _____

Have you even been involved in an injury accident? _____

If so, explain: _____

What are your days of work, times of work and counties of work? _____

For what other essential needs are you required to drive? _____

Do you go to school and if so, where and what days and times? _____

Have you ever been issued an occupational driver's license before?

_____ No.

_____ Yes.

If yes, for each previous occupational driver's license, state:

1. Date granted: _____

Reason why driver's license was suspended: _____

2. Date granted: _____

Reason why driver's license was suspended: _____

Remember to do the following before mailing:

1. Complete this form
2. Provide a copy of your insurance
3. Provide payment for filing fees, costs, and attorney's fees as set forth above.