

## ***Regarding Second Opinion / Repeat Autopsies***

Please acknowledge and initial that:

\_\_\_\_\_ The decedent's organs and tissues have been sampled at the first autopsy.

\_\_\_\_\_ The decedent's organs and tissues are no longer in their usual anatomic position due to the first autopsy.

\_\_\_\_\_ It is not unusual for the first pathologist to keep some whole organs and tissues for future studies.

\_\_\_\_\_ It is very unlikely that the first pathologist/Medical Examiner's Office will release the organs and tissues they collected at the first autopsy to the second pathologist.

\_\_\_\_\_ Our pathologist can only report on the tissues and organs left in the decedent by the first pathologist.

\_\_\_\_\_ It is almost impossible to obtain a suitable blood specimen on a second autopsy. Liver can typically be obtained (as long as the first pathologist did not keep all of the liver at the first autopsy).

\_\_\_\_\_ Our pathologist may not have enough tissues and organs to examine at the second autopsy to formulate a cause of death.

\_\_\_\_\_ Our pathologist strongly prefers to review the first autopsy report (when it becomes available) before issuing his final autopsy report. The first autopsy report often has critical information on organs and tissues that were sampled and not available for our pathologist to examine.

\_\_\_\_\_ Our pathologist will issue an incomplete final report without a cause of death if the first autopsy report is not provided to him in a reasonable amount of time.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_