

WHEN TO ENGAGE A LIFE CARE PLANNER OR VOCATIONAL CONSULTANT

A concise checklist to consider when deciding to engage a life care planner or vocational consultant



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Case Overview

Client (client information)		Team
		Assigned Attorney:
		Paralegal/Legal Assistant:
Injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • 	Additional Details

Checklist

Needs	What to Consider	Status
Life Care Planner		
Nature of Injury	Does your client have a catastrophic or permanent injury requiring long-term medical care?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anticipated Future Needs	Will your client need future surgeries,	<input type="checkbox"/>

	therapies, or medications?	
Specialized Equipment	Will your client require prosthetics, wheelchairs, or home modifications?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Projected Costs	Is there a need to quantify future medical and non-medical costs for settlement or trial purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complex Medical Issues	Does the case involve complex medical conditions requiring expert guidance to understand long-term consequences?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enhancing Credibility	Would the testimony of an expert help in validating the future needs of the injured party?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Vocational Consultant

Employment Impact	Has the injury affected the client's ability to work, either in their previous role or in any role?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loss of Earnings	Is there a need to quantify past and future loss of earnings?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vocational Rehabilitation	Will the client require retraining or job placement services?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity to Work	Are there doubts about the client's capacity to work in the same field or any field?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transferability of Skills	Is there a need to evaluate if the client's skills can be transferred to another line of work?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Labor Market Analysis	Do you need expert guidance on available job opportunities and wage potential given the client's limitations?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Enhancing Credibility	Would the testimony of a vocational expert help in illustrating the employment challenges faced by the injured party?	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mental Health Assessment (Life Care Plan)

Emotional Disturbance	Are there signs of emotional distress, anxiety, or depression that may impact the individual's long-term well-being?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cognitive Deficits	Has the injury led to changes in cognition, memory, or executive functioning?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of Life	Does the injury affect the individual's ability to enjoy life and participate in social or leisure activities?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pain Management	Are there indications that emotional or mental factors are affecting the individual's perception or management of pain?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medication Dependency	Is the individual at risk for dependency on medications that have psychological effects, such as opioids or antidepressants?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comorbid Conditions	Is the injured individual dealing with existing mental health issues that could be exacerbated by their physical condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complex Trauma	Are there multiple injuries or factors that may collectively contribute to a complicated psychological state?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mental Health Assessment (Vocational Assessment)

Job Performance	Has the injury or event impacted the	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	individual's ability to perform their job functions to full capacity, including cognitive and emotional aspects?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Career Aspirations	Does the mental state of the individual affect their ability to progress in their current field or switch careers?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Workplace Behavior	Are there concerns about how the individual's mental state might affect interactions with coworkers, supervisors, or clients?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stress Tolerance	Has the injury affected the individual's ability to manage stress, which is crucial in many job settings?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning Capacity	Do mental health issues hinder the individual's ability to retrain for a different job, if necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interpersonal Skills	Have emotional or cognitive challenges compromised the individual's interpersonal skills, which may be critical for many job roles?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Impact	Is the individual's compromised mental state likely to result in additional economic damages, such as lost wages or diminished earning capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/>

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