



Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission

CONTRACT CLAIMANT COUNSEL

The Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission (TIRC) seeks licensed attorneys to advise torture Claimants on waiving certain constitutional rights pursuant to the Commission's statute.

ABOUT TIRC

TIRC investigates claims of torture that led to a conviction in the Circuit Court of Cook County. The Commission's enabling statute requires Claimants to agree to waive their constitutional rights against self-incrimination, and Claimants have a right to consult an attorney to advise them about what this means. 775 ILCS 40/40(b).

ROLE SUMMARY

Representation will be provided to the Claimant, who is Contract Claimant Counsel's client for purposes of Rules of Professional Conduct. Counsel will contact the Claimant prior to a Commission-conducted Interview to advise the Claimant on the possible criminal and civil repercussions of the Claimant signing statutorily required waivers. Attendance at the waiver signing and claimant interview is mandatory. While some sessions may be conducted via video conference, in-person attendance may be required depending on the circumstances of the case or the Claimant's needs. Attorneys must be available for either format. More than one interview may be required. Contract Claimant Counsel will receive a \$1000 flat fee for advising a Claimant and providing the Commission with final deliverable. Claimant Counsel agrees to continue to provide representation at additional Interviews if the Commission requires.

SCOPE

Representation concludes when:

- the Commission receives the Claimant's signed waivers,
- the Claimant withdraws the claim, or
- the Commission dismisses the claim for the Claimant's lack of cooperation.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Education: Juris Doctor
- Experience: 5+ years practicing law
- Requirements: Active law license

TO APPLY

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SUBJECT: "Request for Claimant
Counsel Application"