



Road To Recovery

Behavioral Health & Substance Abuse Services

IMMIGRATION CLINICAL EVALUATIONS - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There are several instances in which a clinical evaluation conducted by a licensed professional mental health provider can help you with a case before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Some cases require a current diagnosis for a prior Substance Related Disorder (Alcohol Abuse/Dependence or similar disorders). In those cases, a current diagnosis can help bring in perspective the progress made by the individual from the time of their last arrest for a substance related offense (for instance, driving under the influence, DUI, of alcohol). Other cases, may relate to Victims of Crime, where a U Visa applicant might benefit from having a full assessment of the psychological trauma suffered due to the crime. However, there are three very common types of immigration cases in which a psychosocial evaluation is very likely to help your case: political asylum, extreme hardship and domestic abuse.

Political Asylum: Applicants for political asylum often have been exposed to extreme deprivation, torture and psychological distress when they were in their home country. The purpose of a psychosocial evaluation for Political Asylum is to collect information about this mistreatment and to examine the psychological impact that these circumstances have had on the immigrant.

Extreme Hardship: Applicants for extreme hardship may benefit from attaining an Extreme Hardship psychosocial evaluation to examine the potential impacts of the immigrant's deportation on a United States Citizen (USC) or a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) parent, spouse or immediate relative. Although only extreme hardship to the USC or LPR relative is relevant, under the law, potential psychological dysfunction in the immigrant is still important, because it may be an additional stressor for the USC or LPR.

Domestic Abuse: Applicants, victims of domestic abuse, seek to establish the presence of domestic abuse in order to file for legal status (separately from their USC spouse). The Domestic Abuse psychosocial evaluation determines if abuse is present and the overall psychological impact of the abuse. Sometimes the abuse is obvious, but at other times it is subtle. Abuse can be physical, verbal or psychological. The purpose of abuse is almost always to get power and control over the victim.

Your Immigration Attorney has referred you to a licensed mental health professional who is experienced in assessment of personality and mental health disorders. The Clinical Evaluator is fluently bilingual in English and Spanish, fully multicultural and experienced in working with immigrant populations from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

You are being referred to schedule an appointment with **Ms. Rocio Del Milagro Woody**, a licensed Mental Health professional in the State of Georgia. You may reach Ms. Woody by calling 770-220-2885 or 1-866-950-9601; or contacting her via email at rociow@rdtorecovery.com to start your clinical evaluation process. The following page provides important information that will allow you to better prepare for your consultation and clinical evaluation. Please read the following page carefully and contact Ms. Woody should you have any questions regarding these documents prior to the time of your appointment.

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This information will help expedite the completion of your evaluation in a timely manner. Please, read and follow these recommendations:

1. **Call 770-220-2885** to schedule your appointment as soon as possible. In all likelihood, you will be able to get an appointment within 3 to 5 business days from the time of your call.
2. Your appointment will be scheduled for 2:00PM. However, **you need to be at the clinic by 1:00PM** to complete extensive documentation on site.
3. Your appointment will last between 3 to 4 hours. If you need to be picked-up from the clinic; please advise this person to arrive at or around 6:00PM.
4. Once you have been handed the full Clinical History, informed consent forms and releases; it is your responsibility to complete all forms in their entirety. Even when some information might not relate to you, you need to write **N/A (for Not Applicable)** in order for us to know that you have read the question and that it does not apply to your case.
5. **NO** blank spaces should be left on any of the pages. All signature pages must be signed.
6. The information must be written in print and it should be **legible**.
7. If possible, bring a business card from your attorney to allow us to have the full name and contact information to use in the report.
8. Based on your type of case (Extreme Hardship; Political Asylum; Victim of Crime; Substance Abuse Remission; Domestic Abuse; or any other case) we will need to you bring with you the information listed below:
 - a. A personal affidavit relating your case in **CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER** with all important dates (births, engagement, marriage, separation, divorce, US residency, US naturalization and all other pertinent dates accurately recorded)
 - b. Any photographic evidence that you believe will help accurately illustrate your case
 - c. IF you or the family member you are trying to help have any medical issues, you need to bring **ALL medical records** and **ALL medications** you or your family member are taking, in addition to the full name of the physician/s you/they are seeing.
 - d. IF your case involves children of school age; you need to bring **ALL** your children school records that you believe will help your case (referrals to Special Education or if your children are facing special circumstances in school)
 - e. IF you have been married once or more, you need to bring **ALL** marriage/divorce court records such as marriage certificates, divorce decrees, and any court documents related to each marriage.
 - f. IF you have been arrested for any reason, we need an official criminal record detailing your criminal history.
 - g. You need to bring copies of all your immigration documents. All letters, denial letters, request for documentation letters, forms, and any document they you have received from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).
 - h. IF you have received a letter for an appointment to a Consulate abroad, you need to bring that letter with you.

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or visit our web site www.rdtorecovery.com for directions to our facility