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**Confidential Attorney Work Product**

**IME WatchDog Report**

Observation of Insurance Medical Examination

**Client Name:**

[REDACTED]

**Date of Exam:**

February 21, 2024

**Date of Accident:**

Not Provided

**Examinee:**

[REDACTED]

**Observed By:**

[REDACTED]

**Performed By:**

Joseph Pessalano, CRC, CDMS, CCM  
Archer Consultants, Inc.  
170 Old Country Road, Suite 506  
Mineola, NY 11501

**Specialty:**

Rehabilitation Specialist

**Facility:**

The exam was held at Archer Consultants, Inc. The office was located on the fifth floor of a professional building.

**Facility Description:**

The office was clean and bright.





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**Appointment Scheduled For:**

2:30 PM

**Arrived at Office:**

2:15 PM (WatchDog) 2:15 PM (Examinee)

**Admitted to Exam Room:**

2:27 PM

**Exam Start:**

2:27 PM

**Exam End:**

3:04 PM

**Length of Exam:**

37 minutes

**Total Length of Visit:**

49 minutes

**Others Present:**

The IME counselor, the examinee and the IME WatchDog advocate were in the room during the examination.

**Description of IME Counselor:**

The IME counselor was a male in his sixties with a pleasant and professional demeanor.

**Layout of Exam Room:**

The room was approximately 12'x14' with a desk and four chairs.

**Did IME Counselor Have Examinee's Medical Records:**

The IME counselor had the examinee's medical records.





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**How did IME Counselor Take Notes:**

The IME counselor took notes on preprinted forms throughout the exam.

**Exam:**

The examinee was called by the IME counselor to an office for the exam.

The IME counselor gave the examinee a description about who he was and the purpose of the exam.

The IME counselor stated that he reviewed the examinee's records.

- The IME counselor asked the examinee what her current address was. The examinee replied that she lived at 62 2nd Avenue, Garden City Park, New York 11040.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she lived in a house or an apartment. The examinee replied that she lived in a house.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee who she lived with. The examinee replied that she lived by herself.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee how she got to the exam that day. The examinee replied that she drove to the exam.
- The IME counselor stated that the examinee had an accident in January of 2019. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee what was hurt in the accident. The examinee replied that she injured her head, right shoulder, right elbow, right forearm, ribs, back and right knee.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she gained or lost weight. The examinee replied that she gained weight.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee how much weight she gained. The examinee replied that she gained twenty pounds.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she still sees doctors for her injuries. The examinee replied that she sees Dr. Gus.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee how often she sees Dr. Gus. The examinee replied that she goes for follow ups every couple of weeks.





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- The IME counselor asked the examinee when she is scheduled to see Dr. Gus next. The examinee replied that she has an appointment scheduled in March.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she sees any other doctors. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she was being treated for other medical conditions. The examinee replied that she had an under active thyroid.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee when she was diagnosed with the thyroid problem. The examinee replied that she had the condition for many years.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee who she follows up with for the thyroid. The examinee replied that she sees Dr. Scott Tinter.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she used assistive devices. The examinee replied that she used a cane for going up and down stairs and getting in and out of a car.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee where she had pain and when. The examinee replied that she had pain in the right shoulder with overhead movement and pain in the right elbow with lifting.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee how much she could lift. The examinee replied that she could not lift anything over ten pounds.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she had pain anywhere else. The examinee replied that she had back pain all day long.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if there were times when the back pain was worse. The examinee replied yes and stated that she took Tylenol when the pain was really bad.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she had other complaints. The examinee replied that she had headaches once a week.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee how long the headaches lasted. The examinee replied that the pain lasted until she took Tylenol.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she had limitations on how long or far she could walk before she had to take a





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break. The examinee replied that she could walk a block or two.

- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she felt more comfortable sitting. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if weather affected the pain. The examinee replied that the pain was worse when it was raining or snowing.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she was able to drive. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she had a handicap parking permit. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she went shopping. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she cooked. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she was able to take care of activities of daily living. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she was able to do household chores. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she was right-handed. The examinee replied that she was left-handed.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she had problems using her hands. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she was receiving physical therapy. The examinee replied that she goes for therapy three times a week.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee what she did in therapy. The examinee replied that she used a bike for the hands and pulled a strap up and down.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she did electrical stimulation or massage. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if the therapy helped. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she did home exercises. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she was treated with injections. The examinee replied that she had gel injections in the knees related to a prior injury, but they did not help.





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- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she currently takes medication. The examinee replied that she takes Prednisone for sarcoidosis.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee when she was diagnosed with sarcoidosis. The examinee replied that she was diagnosed before she got hurt.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee who prescribed Prednisone. The examinee replied that Dr. Fine prescribed the medication.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she took medication for the thyroid. The examinee replied that she took Synthroid.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she had surgery. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she had recommendations for treatment going forward. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if there had been any improvement in her condition. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she had medical conditions other than sarcoidosis and thyroid. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she had other surgeries. The examinee replied that she had her tonsils removed, bilateral carpal tunnel and bilateral knee replacements.
- The IME counselor stated that the examinee had a right knee replacement in January of 2023 and the left was done in January of 2021. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee when the carpal tunnel surgeries were done. The examinee replied that both surgeries were done in 2006 but she did not remember when.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if the knee replacements were related to a work injury from May of 2017. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee how much time she missed from work. The examinee replied that she did not miss any time from work.





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- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she ever had mental health, drug or alcohol treatment. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she had criminal convictions. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee how she spent her time during the day. The examinee replied that she watched television, went for physical therapy and doctor's appointments and took care of her dog.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee what the highest grade in school was that she completed. The examinee replied that she had an Associate's Degree in Labor Studies from Local 3.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she graduated high school. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she had vocational or job training. The examinee replied that she went to Briarcliff and graduated from a secretarial program.
- The IME counselor stated that the examinee completed an apprenticeship with Local 3. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she had work related licenses or certifications. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she spoke languages other than English. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she knew how to use a computer. The examinee replied that she had some computer knowledge.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she knew computer programs such as Word and Excel. The examinee replied that she had those programs on her computer but she did not know how to use them.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she had Facebook or Instagram. The examinee replied that she had Facebook.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she served in the military. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she was ever self-employed. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor stated that the examinee was a Local 3 electrician when she was injured. The examinee replied yes.





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- The IME counselor asked the examinee how long she had been an electrician. The examinee replied that she was an electrician for eight years.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she was ever furloughed. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee how long the program was. The examinee replied that she was an apprentice for five years and then MIJ.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee what her job duties were. The examinee replied that she placed receptacles in commercial buildings, lights and demolition.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee what she did before becoming an electrician. The examinee replied that she worked in returns and then account reconciliation for Bank of New York Melon in Harrison.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee how long she worked for Bank of New York Melon. The examinee replied that she worked for the company for ten years.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she did anything else in terms of her work history. The examinee replied that she worked for Barclays Bank in the authorization department and then chargeback department for credit cards.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if there was anything else. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she went back to work since she got hurt. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she looked for work. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she felt that she could work in any capacity. The examinee replied that she did not know.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she considered vocational training. The examinee replied no.
- The IME counselor asked the examinee if she collected workers' compensation or disability. The examinee replied that she collected workers' compensation for the other accident and gets social security disability.

**Exam Over**

