

**Rule 1915.8. Physical and Mental Examination of Persons.**

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(b) Unless otherwise directed by the court, the expert shall deliver to the court, to the attorneys of record **for the parties, [and]** to any unrepresented party, **and to the guardian ad litem and/or counsel for the child, if any,** copies of any reports arising from the evaluation setting out the findings, results of all tests made, diagnosis and conclusions. No reports shall be filed of record or considered evidence unless and until admitted by the court. Any report which is prepared at the request of a party, with or without a court order, and which a party intends to introduce at trial, must be delivered to the court and the other party at least thirty days before trial. If the report or any information from the evaluator is provided to the court, the evaluator shall be subject to cross-examination by all counsel and any unrepresented party without regard to who obtains or pays for the evaluation.

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**Rule 1915.18. Form of Order Directing Expert Examination and Report.**

The order of court directing expert evaluation in a custody matter pursuant to Rule 1915.8 shall be in substantially the following form:

(Caption)  
ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, it is hereby ORDERED, that:

1. The evaluator  shall be \_\_\_\_\_ or  will be selected by the parties.

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5. **If the evaluation is a medical necessity, the service may be covered by insurance. If so, [B]** both parties shall promptly cooperate to maximize the use of available insurance coverage, if any, and to notify the other party of the result. The  plaintiff  defendant shall submit the costs to his or her insurance first. The cost of the unreimbursed portion of the evaluation shall preliminarily be allocated between the parties with the plaintiff paying \_\_\_\_\_% and the defendant paying \_\_\_\_\_% without prejudice to the ultimate apportionment of such costs by subsequent agreement of the parties or order of court.

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11. Provided that the parties cooperate on a timely basis, the evaluator shall deliver his or her report to counsel for the parties, any unrepresented party, the guardian *ad litem* **and/or counsel for the child**, if any, and to the court at least \_\_\_ days prior to the first day of trial. The report shall not be filed of record.

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