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Your willingness to review cases either for service on TMLT's Claim Review Committee or as a TMLT approved consultant assists us greatly in the defense of TMLT policyholders. Recently, we have become aware that some of our consultants and CRC members have also accepted cases for review from plaintiff attorneys and have held themselves out for hire as experts willing to testify against Texas doctors. Since TMLT is totally committed to the defense of its insured doctors, we believe it would be a conflict of interest for us to use doctors as consultants or CRC members who are also working for the plaintiffs. We trust you understand our concern with this issue.

Accordingly, TMLT asks that you acknowledge your understanding of the above and that you are not now serving as a reviewer of cases or as an expert for a plaintiff against a physician or professional association regardless of whether the defendant is insured by TMLT. Please sign in the area below acknowledging this requirement for service as a consultant or CRC member. Your agreement to these terms is necessary in order to continue as a consultant or claim review committee member.

Again, I want to thank you very much for your loyal support for our efforts in protecting TMLT insured policyholders. Working together as a team we will continue the struggle against non-meritorious litigation that plagues the medical profession.

Sincerely,

Bob R. Fields  
Executive Vice President  
Claim Operations

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Acknowledgment Signature

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