

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONSEQUENCES OF PLEA
IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES**

I, _____, acknowledge the fact that my attorney, _____, has informed me that Federal law will or may forever prohibit me, under penalty of fine and imprisonment, from owning or possessing a firearm or ammunition in the future if I am convicted of the offense of Assault/Family Violence in Cause No. _____ in _____ of _____ County, Texas. For Federal prosecution purposes, conviction includes any disposition other than dismissal, pre-trial diversion, or being found "not guilty" after a trial. This means that if an accused in such a case enters any plea that results in the assessment of probation, deferred adjudication or jail time or even a fine only, the accused is considered as convicted for purposes of the *Federal Firearm Statute*.

Additionally, I understand that if this is my first conviction, as above defined, and I later commit and /or am convicted of another offense against a member of my household or family, I will be facing a felony of the third degree. That new third degree felony can then be enhanced to a second or first degree, or even habitual status, if you have other and additional prior felony convictions, as provided by law.

Furthermore, my attorney has informed me that possession of a firearm and/or ammunition after an accused has been convicted of a domestic violence misdemeanor is a federal crime under *18 U.S.C. §922(g)(9)*. Generally, a domestic violence misdemeanor "qualifies" if the conviction was for a crime committed by a parent, guardian, or partner of the victim that required the use or attempted use of physical force or threat of using a deadly weapon.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Client's Printed Name:
