 Defense Witnesses Evaluation Form

Defense Witness # \_\_\_

Name of Witness:

Address:

Phone Number:

Family Member (s):

Place of work:

Relationship to the accused (if any):

Reputation for honesty or dishonesty:

Capacity/mental health issues (if any):

Prior arrest/criminal convictions (including juvenile record):

Pages in the case file where this witness appears:

Prosecutor’s evidence we need to discuss or explain:

1. Description of crime scene
2. Knowledge of complainant/victim
3. Knowledge of prosecution witness
4. Expert testimony on:
   1. Blood
   2. Test by prosecution
   3. Reconstruction of the crime scene
5. Victim’s injuries/mental health status

Defense evidence to identify or admit:

1. Knowledge of accused’s.
   1. Character
   2. Habits
   3. Mental health status/limitations
   4. Physical health status/limitations
   5. Business practice
   6. Family
2. Knowledge of the crime scene
3. Alibi evidence
4. New evidence, such as:
   1. Scientific testing
   2. Diagrams
   3. Reconstruction of the crime scene
   4. Results of mental health evaluation of accused
5. When preparing questions, remember to consider how each witness’s testimony can be developed to advance the defense attorney’s theory of the case.