

Structured Settlement Ombuds Role

Acknowledgement and Understanding of Ombuds Services In Structured Settlement Process

I, _____, request the Office of the Ombuds for Self-Insured Injured Workers provide me with assistance in my negotiation of a structured settlement in my claim # _____.

I understand legal advice can only be given by an attorney. The Office of the Ombuds has informed me that they are not attorneys and do not give legal advice. As such, I acknowledge that I understand the Ombuds office and its staff cannot give me legal advice in any capacity.

I understand the Office of the Ombuds can provide me with information regarding my rights and my responsibilities as an injured worker and provide me with technical information about the structured settlement process with my employer and the process before the Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals.

I understand and acknowledge that the Office of the Ombuds will not make any representations whatsoever, expressed or implied, about the possible outcomes of my claim and cannot make any suggestions or recommendations, express or implied, to accept or reject the terms of a structured settlement offer.

I understand and acknowledge that the Office of the Ombuds will not appear in any proceeding before the Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals or other courts on my behalf. In the event that the office of the Ombuds does attend matters before the Board, I understand and acknowledge that such attendance will be solely for the purpose of offering technical guidance and/or explanation of processes.

The Office of the Ombuds has recommended I speak to an attorney for any and all legal questions regarding my claim.

My signature below indicates that I have carefully read and reviewed this Acknowledgement and agree that I do not depend or rely on the Ombuds Office for legal advice. I have not relied upon any other promises, agreements or representation by the Office of the Ombuds. I understand any decision I make to enter into a structured settlement of my claim without the advice or assistance of an attorney is my own independent action and I understand I am responsible for my decision.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Claimant Signature