

# Sample RPC 7.2(c) Intermediary Connecting Services Certification Letter

Name of Intermediary Connecting Service (ICS): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of ICS) certifies that it satisfies the requirements of Illinois Rule of Professional Conduct [7.2\(c\)](#). Specifically, it certifies that it:

- Does not request or require the lawyer to act in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC [7.2\(c\)\(1\)](#));
- Does not interfere with the attorney-client relationship between the lawyer and the lawyer’s client, including by unilaterally setting the fee the lawyer may charge the client, or with the independent professional judgment of the lawyer in rendering legal services (RPC [7.2\(c\)\(2\)](#));
- Does not provide legal advice or legal services to a potential client or otherwise engage in the practice of law in a jurisdiction in violation of that jurisdiction’s regulation of the legal profession (RPC [7.2\(c\)\(3\)](#));
- Does not make any false or misleading statement about the ICS, its services, the lawyer, or the lawyer’s fees or services provided (RPC [7.2\(c\)\(4\)](#));
- Does not engage in improper solicitation pursuant to Illinois Rule of Professional Conduct [7.3](#), including through its agents and employees (RPC [7.2\(c\)\(5\)](#));
- Use of rating criteria (check one):
  - Does not use rating criteria of lawyers;
  - Does use rating criteria of lawyers, makes the criteria publicly available and readily accessible, and discloses whether the lawyer has the opportunity to dispute the ratings (RPC [7.2\(c\)\(7\)](#)); and
- Type of ICS (check one):
  - Is a bar association or legal aid organization ICS;
  - Is not a bar association or legal aid organization ICS, and
    - its charges or fees are not contingent on the outcome of the matter;
    - the usual charges that it charges or collects are not calculated as a percentage of the lawyer’s anticipated or actual legal fees;
    - it does not refer or recommend, or state, imply, or create a reasonable impression that it refers or recommends a lawyer, except that it may permit reviews and ratings of lawyers and it may offer a list of lawyers based upon a user-defined search from which the potential client can select a lawyer; and
    - it does not receive any funds a potential client pays for the lawyer’s services or advances for the lawyer to pay costs or expenses except if it uses a payment processing system that remits those funds to the lawyer at the time payment is collected, and it does not otherwise place any restriction or condition on the lawyer’s receipt or retention of such funds.

Names of individuals who own, control or manage the ICS (RPC [7.2\(c\)\(6\)](#)):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name of Authorized ICS Representative*

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*Signature of Authorized ICS Representative*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Participating Lawyers: Retain this completed form for your records.*