# NEGLIGENT OPERATOR INTERVIEW

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450 PROBATION VIOLATION HEARING: (1) WAS DRIVER AWARE OF PROBATION; (2) DID DRIVER VIOLATE PROBATION

### **GENERAL 311 NOTS HEARING**

Correctness of driving record Any pending court charges, collisions or convictions not shown on record? Responsible for collisions on the record? Alcohol consumption related to violations/convictions Mitigating/aggravating factors Physical and mental conditions related to record

### SEVERITY AND PATTERN OF VIOLATIONS AND COLLISIONS

Severity: 1 or 2 point violations; Pattern (same type, i.e., speeding, right/way, signal/stop sign). Repeated alcohol related incidents?

INSIGHT AND ACCEPTANCE, REMORSE, CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AND PLAN

History: 1<sup>st</sup> Neg Op?

Stated remorse? Impact of NOTS proceedings? Importance of driver safety to you, family, job, future? Acceptance of responsibility? Mistakes made? General view of past actions? Insight result in corrective measures, plan to avoid backsliding or new violations (e.g. extra care, behavior modification, cruise control). Credible?

# COLLISION RESPONSIBILITY

(Driving record alone is insufficient; other direct evidence is used, such as driver testimony) Factors: Road type, Surface condition of road; Speed, Legal speed limit, Traffic heavy, Distractions such as pedestrians or events or radio, Weather, Traffic controls, Collision type such as multi-vehicle or object or pedestrian, Vehicle type, View/visibility, Condition of vehicle and tires/brakes/lights, Point of impact, Direction of travel, Time/day of week, Damage to vehicle/property, Injuries, Violations such as CVC/PC/H&S, Sobriety, Physical condition, Either driver appeared in court and any conclusion.

### MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Currently Employed Perfect physical and mental health No current alcohol or drug consumption Driving history of only these recent violations Personal life issues which explain traffic (and other) failures How many two-point violations in lifetime High mileage, extreme driving conditions History of attendance at driving school Number of warning letters received, or unaware of NOTS action Number of court appearances for driving related incidents Number of FTA/FTP's Completion of DUI programs, fines paid, insurance, license re-obtained, probation successfully completed History of driving when suspended History of evading law enforcement, reckless driving per se, racing, unlicensed or unlawful driving, road rage, reckless endangerment

### VEHICLE USE AND MILEAGE

Total vehicle mileage/use (work, school, appointments, routine activities) employment and non-employment. Time of day/days of week/local or more, Make/Model of vehicle

#### HARDSHIP

Major contributor/sole provider of single or family income (or searching for employment) Alternative transportation is not available for significant routine activities (work, school, appointments)

[Consider set-aside, probation only, or restricted license if necessary]