## **Credibility Assessment**

### Interviewee:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### Interview Team:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# **Demeanor**

What was the demeanor/”body language” of the interviewee (e.g., nervous, obviously uncomfortable, sweating, tone of voice)?

How did they react to the allegations? (e.g., argumentative, defensive, hostile, surprised, apologetic)?

Does this person inspire confidence in the listener, i.e., do they make an overall credible impression? (Did they make eye contact, fidget, answer the question being asked?)

We need a baseline for comparison. How does the interviewee’s demeanor compare to the way they “normally” act? (Start the interview by giving them an opportunity to talk about themselves, then switch to the investigatory queries – is there a difference?)

# **Logic/Chronology**

Did the person’s chronology of any events they related differ greatly from the chronology of any other interviewees?

Does the person’s version make sense? Is it plausible or far-fetched?

Did the person give you a plausible explanation of why an issue may have been raised?

Was the person forthcoming or did you have to “pull” information from them?

# **Corroborating Evidence**

Did the interviewee make any admissions during the interview? For example, “the only reason why I did it was to help her.”

Did the person specifically deny anything?

Are there supporting percipient witnesses (person(s) who actually observed the activity in question)? Were they credible?

Was the person’s version of the facts different from anyone else’s version?

Did the person’s statements conflict with any written information collected?

Are there any diaries, calendars, text messages, other writings or photos that help substantiate the person’s story?

# **Circumstantial Evidence**

Are there things that the accused has said or done in other situations which make it more likely than not that the fact(s) in dispute actually happened?