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Private Mediation: Estimation of Fees

Fees are based upon a rate of **\$200 per hour** with a **\$3000** retainer. The retainer is expected to be paid prior to the first session, in either money order or cashier's check. The retainer is used for work done outside of your presence, such as telephone calls, document review, and report writing. The retainer will need to be replenished to maintain a balance of \$3000 at all times. A billing statement, outlining activity on your account, will be made available to you. Each appointment is paid separately, at the time of session.

Please note: there will be a delay in scheduling further appointments unless fees for services are paid in a timely manner. Any retainer balance that is unused will be refunded within 45 days of the final report being submitted to the Court.

The parties are responsible for the payment of all fees according to the percentages which have been agreed upon or ordered by the court. Returned checks will incur a \$25 charge and restitution of the returned check will be expected immediately. Further appointments are suspended until the account is in good standing.

Deposition Fee:

Depositions will be billed at the rate of \$200/hour. In addition, time for preparation and travel will be billed at \$200/hour.

Scheduled Court Testimony:

Testimony will be billed at \$1400 for an afternoon court appearance; or \$2400 when a morning court appearance is scheduled. This includes 2 hours of preparation time. If additional preparation time is required, it shall be billed at \$200/hour.

Deposition and Court testimony fees are payable at the time of subpoena is served. Refunds are issued only if cancellation is received five business days in advance of the scheduled deposition or court date.

Every mediation is unique to the parties and their particular circumstances. The following is a list of services that are a part of the mediation process. The

estimate of hours may change relative to the number of children involved, the number of collateral persons who are interviewed at the request of the parties or the mediator, amount of documents reviewed, and the number of sessions the mediator has with the parties.

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| 1. First conjoint session with parents | 2 hours | \$400 |
| 2. Individual interviews with each parent if necessary | 4 hours | \$800 |
| 3. Observation mother and child/ren | 1 hour | \$200 |
| 4. Observation father and child/ren | 1 hour | \$200 |
| 5. Document review | 1 hour+ | \$200 |
| 6. Collateral contacts | 1 hour+ | \$200 |
| 7. Last conjoint session with parents | 2 hours | \$400 |
| 8. Retainer: used for time spent reviewing documents, developing, editing the report, which is sent to both attorneys and the Court. | 8 hours – 16 hours | \$1600-3200 |
| Total estimate | 20-40 hours | \$4000-8000 |