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Re: Court Action/Legal Fees

Clients are discouraged from having their therapist subpoenaed or having him provide records for the purpose of litigation. Even though you are responsible for the testimony fee, *it does not mean that my testimony will be solely in your favor.* I can only testify to the facts of the case and to my professional opinion. Furthermore, if I see both a husband and wife separately, there is an obvious conflict of interest. I would rather not damage the trust I have built in the counseling relationship with each client especially if I am still seeing that person for therapy.

If the therapist, Todd Daehnert, M.A., LPC is to receive a subpoena, then the attorney or office staff will need to call his office and set up a time for the subpoena to be served during office hours. He will request a minimum of 72 hours notice of any Court appearance so that schedule changes for his clients can be made within a *reasonable* time frame.

*Please note: If a subpoena or notice to meet attorney(s) is received without a minimum of 48 hour notice there will be an additional \$250 express charge.*

When it comes to court action, the following fees are in effect:

1. Preparation Time(including submission of records): \$220/hr (billable in 15 minute increments)
2. Phone calls: \$220/hr (billable in 15 minute increments)
3. Depositions: \$250/hour
4. Time required in Giving Testimony: \$250/hour
5. Mileage: .40/mile
6. Time away from Office due to Depositions or Testimony: \$220/hour
7. All attorney fees and costs that are incurred by the therapist as a result of the legal action.
8. Filing document with the court: \$100
9. The minimum charge for a court appearance: \$1500

A retainer of \$1500 is due at least 72 business hours before the scheduled court appearance. The remainder of the costs will be billed after the court appearance and will be due upon receipt.

If the therapist is subpoenaed and the case is reset with less than 72 business hours notice prior to the beginning of the day of the scheduled subpoena, trial, and/or the testimony is not given, then the client will be charged \$500 (in addition to original retainer of \$1500 for having to appear in court).

**All fees listed above are doubled if the therapist is scheduled to be going out of town.**

Bills are presented to clients on a weekly basis and payment is expected upon receipt. *If a payment is not made within a week of invoice being sent out, your credit card on file will be charged.* A zero balance will need to be kept at all times.

Client Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Therapist Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_