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General Policies

After initial discussion of a case, the retaining party/attorney usually sends relevant records for review and a retainer (from the retaining party/attorney, not from their client) paying for the amount of time that will be needed initially - for example, 10 hours of work. Work done beyond the initial time is covered by further retainers. Although the initial retainer is non-refundable, it is generally my practice to refund unused retainer balances after resolution of the case. I schedule examinations or other events after receipt of the retainer and records.

Psychiatric services may include an initial consultation, psychiatric interview or evaluation, interviews with family members or other persons, consultation with counsel, review of records, and report preparation. If travel from my office is necessary to perform any of these services, the hourly rate will apply to portal-to-portal time, and all travel expenses will be reimbursed. Missed appointments by clients or attorneys will be charged for unless 48-hour notice of cancellation is given.

I recommend that you have me review all relevant medical reports, depositions, investigation reports, photographs, video and other helpful information prior to my examination of the examinee. In order to make most efficient use of my time, I recommend sending all available records at least two weeks prior to the scheduled examination.

If I am to be called as a witness at any deposition or court proceeding, I will need two weeks notice in order to prepare adequately. Time spent in preparing for testimony shall be billed at the same hourly rate. I require receipt of a retainer five days ahead of the scheduled deposition or court appearance for the expected amount time. I charge for a half day minimum (my hourly rate times 4) for any deposition or court appearance.

I charge for a full day for any deposition or court appearance lasting more than four hours (my hourly rate times 8). For depositions and court appearances requiring travel greater than one hour driving time from Middlebury VT, I charge the full day rate (my hourly rate times 8) per calendar day plus all expenses. If notification of cancellation is made less than two working days before the scheduled deposition or trial, no refund of that retainer deposit will be made.

For out of state evaluation or testimony the retaining attorney or party shall ensure in advance that any licensing problems or conflicts about expert function in that state have been satisfactorily resolved.

My hourly rate is the same for all psychiatric services, travel time portal to portal, preparation time for testimony, and for time spent participating or waiting for deposition or court proceeding. When doing forensic evaluations and consultation, I work for the retaining party only.