

Court Policy

This document is to explain the fees associated with letters and court appearances. For those clients involved in the legal system (court ordered counseling or custody situations), it is your responsibility to inform Reflections Counseling and your assigned clinician. All clients of Reflections Counseling are required to review and sign this form prior to the first session.

Reflections counseling or any of the clinicians are not court appointed evaluators for child custody and **cannot** determine the living arrangements of your child(ren). Involving the legal system in counseling interferes with the treatment process and can pose significant psychological risks. Clients are **strongly** discouraged from having Reflections Counseling or any of its clinicians release confidential information regarding treatment or to testify on their behalf.

If a client requires their clinician to be involved in legal matters, he or she will be responsible for the additional fees outlined in this document. **None of the following fees are covered by insurance and are the sole responsibility of the client.** Keep in mind that Reflections Counseling and its clinician's testimony may not be solely in your favor or best interest. We can **only testify as a factual witness.**

Fee Schedule:

- Letters to a 3rd party (court, school, disability, etc): \$30
- Preparation time (including submission of records): \$220/hr
- Phone calls: \$220/hour
- Depositions: \$250/hour including travel time
- Time required in giving testimony: \$250/hour (from the time leaving office to the time we return to the office)
- Time away from office due to depositions or testimony: \$220/hour
- Filing a document with the court: \$100
- \$1500 minimum **non-refundable** retainer for subpoena court appearance.

A retainer of \$1500 is due in advance prior to the court hearing. 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. If the case is continued with less than 72 business hours' notice, then the client will be charged \$500 (in addition to the retainer). Should the case be continued, and we are served another subpoena, the above will be required for each subpoena received for each court date. Should we receive a subpoena from multiple attorneys for the same case. The above is required for each individual party and each subpoena served. Once hearings are completed any additional charges not covered by the retainer will be billed separately.

If the retainer is not paid prior to the court hearing, a copy of this signed agreement will be taken into the court hearing and the therapist will ask to address the judge prior to testimony and petition for mandatory payment prior to testimony and have payment become court ordered. Please note, should it become court ordered and you do not pay the required fees, this means the court can hold you in contempt.

Name of Responsible Party (Printed)

Date

Signature of Responsible Party

Date