

FEE SCHEDULE - STATE COURT MATTERS

This Fee Schedule is based on the expert having sufficient time to review the documents furnished to him/her and prepare a Certification, Affidavit of Merit and/or report, as the case may be.

Fees charged are as follows:

- All time spent on this case will be billed at the rate of \$325.00 per hour, plus expenses. This time specifically includes (but is not limited to) research, conferences, consultations with attorneys, reviewing documents, organizing documents, analysis, testing, responding to discovery requests, report writing, testifying, investigating, reading and signing deposition transcripts, waiting time, local portal-to-portal travel, preparing exhibits, preparing demonstrative aids, and preparation time for testifying at deposition, trial, hearing, arbitration or other venues.

Expenses include actual out-of-pocket expenses for travel (within the state of New Jersey, New York City and Philadelphia), postage, express mail/courier charges, tolls, parking, international telephone charges, contracted printing, etc. Travel outside of the state of New Jersey, the five boroughs of New York City and Philadelphia will be billed at a flat daily rate of \$4,500. (inclusive of travel time), plus expenses. Before out-of-state travel is undertaken, and as a condition for its being undertaken, an advance of \$4,500. plus estimated expenses specific to this travel is required at least five (5) business days in advance of such scheduled travel. Air travel will be quoted separately. **You understand and agree that travel arrangements will not be made without this advance payment.**

Rate quoted is guaranteed for one year from date of retainer, but due to inflation or other cost of living factors, hourly rates may increase slightly thereafter.

- An initial retainer of \$7,500. is required, and of this sum, \$3,500. is fully earned and non-refundable upon acceptance of our Engagement Letter/Agreement.¹

- \$60.00 per hour, minimum, for clerical work.
- \$0.50 per page for each FAX page sent.
- \$0.185 per photocopy or printed page made in-house (black and white), including received faxes.
- Automobile mileage charged at the prevailing IRS approved rate per mile.
- \$40.00 per box for secure shredding of documents when this engagement ends.

- Appearance at depositions and trial is billed at the usual hourly rate. Deposing attorney is required to pay deposition fee five (5) days in advance of the deposition. In the event that the deposing attorney fails to make payment as required, or a court reduces our hourly fees, Retaining Attorney or Client, as the case may be, is responsible for payment of our fees and charges, at the rate(s) shown in this Agreement.

We are not retained until we have received the initial retainer amount AND our signed Engagement Letter/Agreement, which will be furnished upon request.

¹ Depending on circumstances, Retainer may be held until our engagement ends. Billing will begin from beginning of case. See Engagement Letter/Agreement for full terms and conditions.