

Fee and Other Information for Participation by
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Fee Information

My preferred fee is \$200/ hour, plus reasonable travel expenses, although I am willing to discuss a lower hourly figure in cases where resources are severely limited. The same hourly rate applies to all agreed-upon activities, including testifying. If an agency pays for time in transit, I do charge for it, but I cap my time at 2.5 hours maximum per direction, even if the time (in planes, cars, airports, etc.) exceeds it significantly.

There is a free initial consultation of up to three hours, in which I am willing to look over materials, and have conversations with the attorney or mitigation coordinator, in order to determine if I can (or wish to) be of assistance. I prefer to do this before being formally appointed, as it will save everyone a lot of trouble if I (and they) can do some pre-screening before committing.

I prefer to cap my fee at an agreed-upon amount, with the understanding that I bill up to, but not above, that amount, even if I were to exceed it by a few hours. If I exceed it by a substantial amount because of additional activities (such as new areas of inquiry or rebuttal testimony) requested by the attorney, then I would seek an additional amount for those activities.

The capped amount would be negotiated with the hiring attorney, and would be based on the nature of my involvement and the activities that would be required. The major variables would be: (a) whether I am required to interview or assess the defendant; (b) the amount of material (such as videotapes) that I am required to review; (c) the amount of prep time required before I testify; (d) whether I am required to testify (as opposed to just submitting a Declaration or report) and for how long; (e) whether I am required to formally interview percipient witnesses (typically over the phone) or just rely on documents; and (f) how lengthy and extensive a Declaration is required.

References

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