

# FORENSIC COUNSELING SERVICES

## THERAPY FEES

### **Payment/Insurance filing:**

Payment of fees is expected at or before the beginning of each session. The counselor does not bill insurance directly, but will provide a statement of services so that clients can seek insurance reimbursement if desired.

### **Fee Schedule:**

Fees are charged per hour, rounded to the nearest 15-minute increment, at a rate of \$225.00 per hour. This is for services including scheduled office visits, administrative work (correspondence, phone contact, written communication, etc.), travel, consultation with other service providers, and any other work performed. Returned checks will be charged the maximum fee allowed under law. Copies of records are billed at the same fee as charged by the Denton County District Clerk's office.

Payment should be made in the form of check or money order made out to Forensic Counseling Services. Returned checks will be charged the maximum fee allowed under law. Cancellations of any appointment with less than 72 hours notice will result in the canceling party being billed the entire service fee. Copies of records are billed at the same fee as charged by the Denton County District Clerk's office.

### **Retainer for court-ordered cases:**

One of the ways in which forensic practitioners maintain neutrality and ethical practice is by assuring that fee payment is not contingent on a particular recommendation or outcome. As such for court-ordered services a retainer equal to at least four appointments, or \$900.00, is due in advance from each person responsible for payment. Payments may be charged against the retainer provided that clients continue to fully replenish the retainer when billed. Subsequent retainer amounts may be adjusted based on number of hours of services arranged.

**Court appearances:** For any requested appearance, subpoenaed appearance, settlement conference, or deposition: \$350.00 per hour, with a minimum charge of three hours. Such fees are due at least one week before the scheduled appearance. Please note: if an appearance request is received without a minimum of one week notice the appearance fee is due immediately and there will be an additional \$250.00 express charge. Failure to provide the fee as specified constitutes release from the requested appearance.