

FORENSIC COUNSELING SERVICES

SUPERVISED VISITATION FEES

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 fees are due as an advance retainer.

Fees & Retainer

Responsibility for fees (100% to one party, 50/50 split, or other arrangements) should be specifically addressed in the court order or agreement for services. Current fees are as follows:

Registration.....	\$50.00 per party
Basic staff supervision	\$50.00/hour
Administrative activity (orientation, correspondence, etc.).....	\$100.00/hour
Court testimony (per staff member, 3 hour minimum charge) ¹	\$250.00/hour

The registration fee should be submitted along with the other required intake documents and is required before scheduling the intake appointment. A retainer equal to one month worth of services or \$300.00 (whichever is greater) is due in advance from **each** of the parties. The initial retainer if one party is ordered to pay for all costs of service is \$600.00. Payments may be charged against the retainer provided that the parties continue to fully replenish the retainer when billed.

Payment should be made in the form of check or money order made out to Forensic Counseling Services and mailed to 2831 Eldorado Pkwy, Suite 103-377, Frisco, TX 75033. Returned checks will be charged the maximum fee allowable under law. If a party is late in replenishing the retainer or if the retainer ever falls below two hours of services supervised visitation may be suspended until such time as the retainer is replenished.

Fees for court appearances or deposition 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.

Please note: We encourage parents to avoid the cost of staff appearances by planning ahead to have records submitted via a business records affidavit. Our staff are not forensic evaluators and will not offer opinions regarding whether parent-child contact should continue to be supervised or not, or on the subjective quality of parent-child interactions. Any feedback offered during the course of supervision relates to addressing issues related to supervision. Our primary focus in this regard is on compliance with supervision guidelines in order to insure the emotional and physical safety of the children involved.

¹ The minimum time requirement does not apply to telephonic appearances