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CHILD CUSTODY/PARENT TIME EVALUATION  
OUTLINE OF EXPENSES

This evaluation, as opposed to an evaluation that does not require extensive investigation, may be necessary when both custody and parent-time are at issue. It may be necessary when there are allegations that either parent has serious conditions that require clinical evaluation and more extensive investigation , such as:

- ▶ serious mental illness
- ▶ mental/physical disabilities that cause significant limitations in daily functioning
- ▶ alcohol or street/prescription drug abuse
- ▶ a history of domestic violence or child abuse/neglect
- ▶ other criminal activity
- ▶ flaws in moral character as evidenced by seriously inappropriate behavior
- ▶ inability to facilitate children’s relationship with the other parent
- ▶ sharing a residence with another adult or minor who is alleged to have any of the above conditions, except disabilities

The evaluation includes assessment of the child/ren’s academic, social, emotional, and behavioral status to help determine needs; completion of history forms and interviews to help assess parenting capacity; home visits during which observations of parent-child interactions will be made; interviews with children when appropriate; and interviews with step-parents or partners. In relocation cases, information about community resources would be sought.

When indicated, the evaluation will also include psychological testing of parents; drug testing; requests for criminal history reports; requests for prescription drug information; requests for DCFS records; interviews with collateral witnesses; evaluation of other adults and children living in the home; and review of materials or documents.

Fees listed below include the cost of the evaluation and presentation at the Settlement Conference. Fees must be paid in full before the evaluation will be started.

\$1,750	for each party
750	for each stepparent or partner residing in the home full or part time
750	for each child who is the subject of the evaluation
350*	for each child who is not the subject of the evaluation but who resides in the home full or part time
350*	for each adult age 18 and older who resides in the home full or part time, such as a grandparent or adult child

\*These fees may be reduced or eliminated depending on the age of the child/ren, the role of the adult, and the relationship between these people and the child/ren who are the subject of the evaluation.

*Your initials* \_\_\_\_\_

*Your attorney’s initials* \_\_\_\_\_

Unless otherwise ordered or agreed, when costs are to be shared “equally,” the costs for evaluating the primary adult parties and the children who are the subject of the evaluation are divided equally. The costs for additional adults and children who are not the subject of the evaluation are the responsibility of the party with whom these individuals reside or maintain a relationship.

After the evaluation is initiated, if it becomes apparent there are other adults or children who should be evaluated but were not identified prior to the evaluation, the cost for evaluating those additional persons will be added to the cost of the evaluation.

Time spent reviewing relevant documents, e.g., court documents, is included in the cost of the evaluation. Additional fees will be charged at the rate of \$150 per hour for review of documents or material judged to be in excess of the amount or type typically reviewed. The costs associated with review of additional documents or material are the responsibility of the person submitting the documents or material for review.

When one party resides more than 50 miles from Dr. King’s office, travel costs when making the home visit include 50.0 cents per mile and/or the actual cost of round trip airfare and rental car, plus actual cost of lodging. There is no charge for the first 100 miles driven (50 miles each way). There is no travel time charge for the first two hours. Fees for travel time after the first two hours is \$75 per hour, to a maximum of \$500 per 24 hour period. Travel time includes all time spent by Dr. King away from her office/home in order to conduct the home visit. Any additional fees must be paid before the evaluation will be considered complete. The costs associated with travel as described below are the responsibility of the person being visited.

An expedited evaluation can be conducted for a 50% increase in fees. An expedited evaluation commences within one week from the time payment of fees is received and is completed within 60 days, barring delays beyond the control of the evaluator. Dr. King’s availability to conduct an expedited evaluation cannot be guaranteed.

Following the Settlement Conference, if a written report is requested, the cost will be an additional 30% of the total cost of the evaluation. The report will be started after the fee is paid.

Fees for court or other subpoenaed appearances (other than the Settlement Conference) will be \$750 per half day (3.5 hours), and \$150 per hour for each hour after 3.5 hours, regardless of whether time is spent testifying or waiting to testify. There will be a minimum charge of \$750 for any subpoenaed appearance. This minimum must be paid prior to the appearance.

Your signature below indicates you have read and understood to your satisfaction the fee schedule and the corresponding limitations of the evaluation. It further indicates you agree to pay your portion as ordered or agreed.

*Your initials* \_\_\_\_\_

*Your attorney’s initials* \_\_\_\_\_

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