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Divorce • Custody • Real Estate

2024 Fee Schedule

Legal Services. *Don't panic!* The schedule of fees below reflects the *maximum* legal fees due for each stage of a case. *Not all of these fees will apply to your case*, and you will only be charged for those services required. All fees are due when invoiced.

Each payment pursuant to this schedule is a prepaid flat fee for providing the services described above. The fees are earned immediately, are nonrefundable, and may be deposited directly into the Attorney's operating account.

Basic Fees

Initiation of Litigation / Information Gathering ¹	\$3,950
Settlement Agreement and Final Order	\$2,950+
Custody and Support Settlement Documents	\$4,250
Mediation / Alternative Dispute Resolution	\$4,950+

Discovery Fees

Informal Discovery by Consent	\$1,950
Basic Written Formal Discovery	\$5,950
Advanced Formal Discovery	\$1,950+

High-Conflict/Complex Litigation Fees

Temporary Orders	\$4,950
Temporary Protective/Restraining Orders	\$7,450
Legal Motions	\$2,750+
Other Court Appearances	\$1,950

Trial Fees

Pre-Trial Orders	\$3,450
Trial Preparation and Trial (per estimated trial day)	\$9,500+
Post-Trial Order	\$3,450

¹ This fee is nonrefundable and is a minimum representation fee.

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Basic Fees

- **Initiation of Litigation and Information Gathering: \$3,950**
 - Drafting initial pleadings and documents (e.g., Complaint/Petition, Answer and Counterclaim, Acknowledgment of Service, Entry of Appearance, Disclosure Statement, Civil Filing Information forms, etc.).
 - Responding to mandatory disclosures and preparing any required financial affidavits
 - Obtaining those documents from Client that Attorney deems necessary to prepare strategy for the case.
 - Perfecting service upon opposing party

- **Property/Financial Settlement Documents**
 - **\$2,950 (Less than \$500k Value / Marital Estate)**
 - **\$4,950 (\$501k-\$1million Value / Marital Estate)**
 - **\$6,950 (+\$1million Value / Marital Estate)**
 - Drafting, revising, and reviewing of final order and/or settlement agreement and any associated documents to include sale agreements and deeds, **excluding** Qualified Domestic Relations Orders

- **Custody/Child Support Settlement Documents: \$4,250**
 - Updating any required financial affidavits
 - Drafting, revising, and reviewing custody and parenting plan
 - Preparation of child support worksheet(s).
 - Preparation of child support addendum to final order or review of same if prepared by the opposing party.

- **Alternative Dispute Resolution and Settlement Negotiations: \$4,950**
 - Updating any required financial affidavits
 - Scheduling mediation with opposing party or opposing counsel and mediator.
 - Preparing for and attending one day/session of alternative dispute resolution, including mediation, arbitration, and/or late case evaluation, regardless of duration.
 - Preparation of documents required prior to mediation,
 - Team and Client meetings prior to mediation.
 - *This fee **does not include** the costs to the parties of the Mediator's fee.

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Discovery Fees

- **Informal Discovery: \$1,950.**
 - Providing to opposing party and obtaining from opposing party informal discovery financial documents related to support, assets, and debts for purposes of alimony, property division, and child support.
 - Requires consent of both parties and counsel to apply.

- **Basic Formal Discovery: \$5,950**
 - Sending Written Questions to Opposing Party to obtain sworn responses to relevant case information
 - Responding to Written Questions sent by the Opposing Party to obtain sworn responses to relevant case information
 - Sending Document Requests to Opposing Party to obtain documents to provide information and relevant case information.
 - Responding to Document Requests sent by the Opposing Party to obtain documents to provide information and relevant case information.
 - Preparing and sending Client's question responses and documents responsive to discovery.
 - Reviewing and analyzing discovery received from the opposing party.
 - Preparing one letter pursuant to USCR 6.4 in effort to resolve any discovery disputes, as needed.

- **Advanced Formal Discovery**
 - **\$1,950 each:** Sending Requests for Admissions to Opposing Party; Responding to Requests for Admissions to Opposing Party; Subsequent Interrogatories or Requests for Documents
 - **\$2,750 Depositions:** If Attorney and Client must take or attend depositions of party, lay witnesses, or expert witnesses, plus costs.
 - **\$1,950 each: Third Party Discovery:** If Attorney and Client must conduct obtain discovery documents from third parties, the fee for each third-party request is \$1,950.00 plus costs.

High-Conflict/Complex Litigation Fees

- **Temporary Orders: \$4,950**
 - Scheduling temporary hearing as necessary by Client and Legal Team.
 - Drafting or responding to motion for temporary hearing.
 - Team and Client meetings and strategy sessions regarding temporary order.
 - Preparing for and presenting testimony for the Client and up to one additional witness.
 - Preparation and presentation of up to two (2) witness affidavits.
 - Preparation of all documents required to be presented at a temporary support hearing.
 - Negotiations with opposing counsel or opposing party regarding temporary agreement.
 - Preparation of proposed temporary order.

- **Temporary Protective/Restraining Orders: \$7,450**
 - Preparing or responding to motion for temporary protective or restraining order.
 - Team meetings and team strategy sessions regarding temporary order.
 - Preparing for and presenting testimony for the Client and up to one additional witness for one hearing for protective order.
 - Preparation and presentation of up to two (2) witnesses.
 - Preparation of all documents required to be presented at a temporary protective order hearing.
 - Negotiations with opposing counsel or opposing party regarding temporary agreement.
 - Preparation of temporary order.

- **Legal Motions: \$3,450 - \$12,950:** For preparing or responding to and arguing motions in Court and drafting and/or review of any order related to the motion. All matters required in follow up for the motion.
 - Motion to Compel Discovery: \$3,750
 - Motion for Guardian Ad Litem: \$3,950
 - Motion to Transfer Venue / Dismiss Pleading: \$3,950
 - Motion to Set Aside Judgment: \$9,450
 - Motion to Open Default: \$5,450
 - Motions to Enforce or for Contempt: \$6,450
 - Motion for Summary Judgment: \$12,950
 - Other Written Motions (without brief in support): \$3,450
 - Other Written Motions (with brief in support): \$5,950

- **Other Court Appearances and Status Conferences: \$750 - \$1,950**
 - Preparing for and attending any court appearance not outlined above.

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Trial Fees

- **Pre-Trial Order: \$3,450** – for preparation of the Consolidated Pre-Trial Order and to attend the Pre-Trial Conference. This fee is due within 10 days of notice from Court.
- **Non-Jury Final Trial: \$9,500* per day**– for each anticipated day of trial and all preparations for non-jury trial.
 - Witness preparation
 - Legal Team and Client preparation
 - Preparation of trial outline, trial notebooks, and trial visual aids
 - Evidentiary motions
- **Jury Trials*: \$15,500 per day** – for each anticipated day of jury trial and all preparations for jury trial.
 - Witness preparation
 - Legal Team and Client preparation
 - Preparation of trial outline, trial notebooks, and trial visual aids
 - Evidentiary motions

*Trial fees are due when trial is requested or scheduled. All trial fees are held in trust, and fees will be refunded upon binding settlement as follows:

- Settlement 20 or more days prior to trial: 90% refundable
 - Settlement 10 or more days prior to trial: 60% refundable
 - Settlement 5 or more days prior to trial: 30% refundable
 - Settlement 2 or more days prior to trial: Non-refundable
- **Post-Trial Order: \$4,450** – Drafting, revising, and reviewing an Order following Trial.
 - **Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs):** – The Firm does not prepare QDROs, but in the event a QDRO is required to divide a 401k, pension, or other qualified retirement plan, Firm will refer Client to an attorney specializing in the drafting of such documents.