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CHILD CUSTODY/PARENT TIME EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND COSTS

If you have difficulty reading or understanding this, let Dr. King know and plans will be made for this and other documents to be read and explained to you or translated for you.

Procedures

When Dr. King receives an order appointing her, she will notify the attorneys and the parties (if the parties' contact information was provided) that she has accepted the case. Instructions for completing the intake paperwork will be provided.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required, to be shared in the same manner the parties are ordered to share the costs of the evaluation. The purpose of the deposit is to cover the cost of pre-evaluation communications with attorneys, parties, and the court. There will be no pre-evaluation communications with attorneys and parties unless the \$500 deposit has been paid. If one party does not pay their share of the deposit, the other party may pay the full \$500 deposit if they choose.

Any part of the \$500 deposit not expended on pre-evaluation communications will be applied to the cost of the evaluation. If the evaluation does not proceed, no part of the deposit is refundable. The \$500 deposit does not permit the evaluation to begin. Payment in full of the basic fee is required before the evaluation will start.

When the intake paperwork is received from both parties, Dr. King will quote the basic fee for the evaluation. However, the fee can be estimated by the information provided in this document.

Evaluations are conducted in the order in which the intake paperwork and payment in full of the fee are received. The evaluation start date cannot be estimated until these are received. Should Dr. King's forms, procedures, or costs change before these are received, the new procedures and costs will become applicable to the evaluation.

Efforts are made to complete the evaluation within 120 days, barring unforeseen delays.

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The evaluation typically includes:

- evaluation of the children’s developmental, medical, academic, social, emotional, and behavioral status and needs, including interviews with children when age permits;
- home visits to examine the home and observe parent-child interactions;
- administration to parents, step-parents, or those serving in these roles of history forms and interviews aimed at assessing parenting capacity;
- interviews with other adults living in the home;
- investigation into the status of other children living in the home and observation of those children during home visits;
- investigation into allegations of such concerns as child abuse or neglect, domestic violence, other criminal activity, and substance abuse on the part of the parties or persons who may reside in or frequent the homes; and
- gathering information about school and community resources when applicable.

Basic Fee

The basic fee is a flat rate based on the number of persons to be examined, as listed in the table below and cover the cost of planning data-gathering activities; interviews with key parties and some collateral witnesses; home visits; review of some documents and materials submitted to or requested by Dr. King; and the minimum fee for presenting at the conference.

each adult party who is the subject of the evaluation	1,750
each step-parent or partner residing with an adult party	1,250
each child age five years and younger who is the subject of the evaluation	400
each child age six years and older who is the subject of the evaluation	600
each adult and child living in or frequenting the residences who is not the subject of the evaluation (assuming a more in-depth evaluation is not needed)	350
minimum fee for participation in the child custody evaluation conference	500

Additional Costs

Pre-evaluation communications are billed at \$165 per hour.

After the evaluation begins, if it becomes apparent there are other adults or children who should be examined, those additional persons will be included in the evaluation and the cost will be added.

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Testing and Records Requests

When deemed necessary by Dr. King, the evaluation will also include but may not be limited to:

- psychological testing of adult parties (billed at \$200/hour)

NOTE: Psychological testing of adult parties on general principle is not always useful in custody evaluations. Subjects tend to portray themselves in a favorable light and results may be invalid or only marginally valid. Testing may be indicated when there is evidence of possible disorders that warrant further investigation but otherwise will not be conducted.

- psycho-educational evaluation of children, including such testing as cognitive and achievement testing (billed at \$200/hour)
- drug testing (billed at actual cost for testing plus 20%)
- requests for criminal history reports (paid by parties)
- requests for DCFS records (any fee paid by parties)

Appearances

The fee for presenting at the custody evaluation conference is considered part of the evaluation and will be billed to parties accordingly. Fees for appearing for a deposition, trial, or other subpoenaed appearance will be the responsibility of the party issuing the subpoena.

Fees are a minimum of \$500 (which covers the cost for up to three hours) and \$165 per hour for each subsequent hour, regardless of whether time is spent testifying or waiting. The minimum fee must be paid prior to the appearance and the balance is due at the time of appearance. Preparation time for subpoenaed appearances will be billed at \$165 per hour and averages four hours.

Travel Costs

Actual or estimated travel costs must be paid in advance of the travel. Travel costs for such activities as making home visits, attending the custody evaluation conference, and appearing for subpoenaed appearances include 60.0 cents per mile to and from the destination or airport, the actual cost of round trip airfare and rental car, and the actual cost of lodging.

The fee for travel time is \$100 per hour, to a maximum of \$500 per 24 hour period. Travel time includes business hours spent by Dr. King away from her office in order to arrive at and return from the location of the activity.

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Travel costs for subpoenaed appearances will be the responsibility of the party issuing the subpoena. Travel costs for home visits and to attend the custody evaluation conference are considered part of the evaluation and will be billed to parties based on their respective responsibilities for costs.

Costs for Review of Materials

Review of some legal documents are included in the basic fee. There will be additional charges at the rate of \$165 per hour for reviewing documents resulting from protracted litigation and for journals, logs, audio recordings, emails, etc. presented by parties. These will be billed to the party submitting the material. Review of material requested by Dr. King will be billed to parties based on how the basic cost of the evaluation is to be paid by parties.

Costs for Written Report and Evaluator's Records

The cost for a written report will be billed at \$165 per hour to the party requesting the report. Time spent preparing the report may be 20+ hours. The report will be started after a \$2000 retainer is received and released when the fee is paid in full.

When copies of Dr. King's records are subpoenaed, the cost will be the actual cost of copying plus \$165 per hour for the time spent by Dr. King overseeing the copying personally in order to ensure that protected materials, such as test protocols, are not released. Dr. King will review and possibly object to the release of certain other records, such as notes from interviews with children. Dr. King will not agree to have all records copied for her without directly overseeing the reproduction, nor will she agree to produce records for the actual cost of copying alone. The party issuing the subpoena will be responsible for the cost.

Cancellations

If you fail to cancel an appointment with Dr. King at least 48 hours in advance, you, personally and individually, will be billed for the time reserved for you at the rate of \$165 per hour. If Dr. King is subpoenaed to testify at a deposition or trial that is cancelled without advance notice to her of at least three business days, fees for preparation and for the planned appearance will be billed to the person who issued the subpoena.

Subsequent Communications and Updates

After the custody evaluation conference, during the period of time where parties may be attempting settlement or when a decision may have been made to schedule a trial, the following activity will result in Dr. King billing for her time at the rate of \$165 per hour:

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- When communication is initiated with Dr. King by parties or attorneys, the party initiating the communication will be billed.
- When additional material is presented to Dr. King for her review, the party submitting the material will be billed for the time spent reviewing it.
- When the amount of time that has passed between the time the data were gathered and the time Dr. King will be expected to testify is significant, or when changes in circumstances have occurred during this time, it may be necessary for Dr. King to update the evaluation by gathering additional data. The parties will be billed for this extended work based on their respective responsibilities for the cost of the evaluation. Dr. King will determine whether, in order to present findings and recommendations that are current, an update is necessary.

Billing/Payment

For activities or work not included in the basic fee, itemized billing statements will be submitted to parties as activity is planned or occurs. The financially responsible person/s are expected to pay upon receipt of the statement. Work on the evaluation will cease any time there is a balance due on the account that is not paid within two weeks. If progress is hampered because one party has failed to pay his or her account, the other party may pay the delinquent amount, though it would be the payer's responsibility to take steps to seek reimbursement if desired.

If you prefer to receive billing statements through the U.S. Postal Service, you are asked to notify Dr. King of this preference in writing. Otherwise, billing statements will be sent to you using the email address you provided. You are responsible for notifying Dr. King promptly if there are any changes in your contact information, including your mailing address, phone number, and email address.

You may use a credit card to pay, though there will be a 3% charge added. If you wish to pay with a credit card, you can find the necessary form on Dr. King's website, www.cherlking.com, on the Payments page. There will be a \$35 charge for returned checks or credit card charge-backs plus any institutional fees assessed. Unpaid fees not paid within 30 days of the date billed will be charged interest at a rate of 1.5% per month (18% per annum). Accounts overdue for 60 days may be submitted to a collection service, at which time the balance will be increased 35% to offset collection commissions. You agree to pay any additional fees assessed by the collection agency including attorneys' fees and court costs associated with collection activity.

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SIGNATURE

Please place your initials at the bottom of each of the preceding four (5) pages of this document and submit all five (6) pages of this document to Dr. King. Please do not simply sign and submit this signature page. Your signature below certifies you agree to permit a copy of this authorization to be used in place of the original.

Your signature below certifies you have read and understood to your satisfaction the procedures and costs reported in this document. You have had an opportunity to review this document with an attorney and receive legal guidance. Your signature certifies you agree to all of the procedures, costs, terms, and conditions presented in this document.

Your printed name

Your signature

Date signed

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