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Court and Legal Action – Policies and Fee Schedule

In general, clients are discouraged from having their counselor subpoenaed or having him/her provide records for the purpose of litigation.

Even though you are responsible for the testimony fee, it does not mean that my testimony will be solely in your favor. I can only testify to the facts of the case and to my professional opinion. Furthermore, I would rather not damage the trust I have built in the counseling relationship with each client especially if there is a conflict of interest in the clients called to court.

If you decide to issue Priscilla Gilbert, LMHC a subpoena, then the attorney or office staff will need to call his office and set up a time for the subpoena to be served during office hours. Priscilla requests a minimum of 72 hours notice of any Court appearance so that schedule changes for her clients can be made within a reasonable time frame.

Please note: If a subpoena or notice to meet attorney(s) is received without a minimum of 48 hour notice there will be an additional \$500 express charge.

Court and legal action fee structure:

1. Preparation Time(including submission of records): \$250/hour
2. Phone calls: \$250/hour
3. Depositions: \$250/hour
4. Time required in Giving Testimony: \$250/hour
5. Mileage: .40/mile
6. Time away from Office due to Depositions or Testimony: \$250/hour
7. All attorney fees and costs that are incurred by the therapist as a result of the legal action.
8. Filing document with the court: \$100
9. **The minimum charge for a court appearance: \$1500**

A retainer of \$1500 is due at the time of request regardless of subpoena or court order, at least 72 business hours before the scheduled court appearance. The remainder of the costs will be billed after the court appearance and will be due upon receipt. If a payment is not made within a week of invoice being sent out, your credit card on file will be charged.

If Priscilla is subpoenaed and the case is reset with less than 72 business hours notice prior to the beginning of the day of the scheduled subpoena, trial, and/or the testimony is not given, then the client will be charged \$500 (in addition to original retainer of \$1500 for having to appear in court).

All fees listed above are doubled if Priscilla is scheduled to be out of town.