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## Addendum A: Court Fees and Court Appearances

The purpose of this document is to explain the fees associated with letters and court appearances. For those clients involved in the legal system (i.e., court ordered counseling or custody situations), it is your responsibility to inform Gannon J. Watts, PhD, LPC-S, LAC, NCC, NCSC, AADC, ICAADC, Privileged for Appraisal. Clients are required to review and sign this form prior to the first session.

Dr. Watts is **not** a court appointed evaluator for child custody and **cannot** determine the living arrangements of your child(ren). Parents should be mindful that the effectiveness of counseling is based on trust, honesty, and willingness to be open in a safe place. Involving the legal system in counseling interferes with the treatment process and can pose significant psychological risks. Therefore, clients are *strongly* discouraged from having Dr. Watts release confidential information about the counseling session or testify on their behalf.

If a client requires Dr. Watts to be involved in legal matters, he or she will be responsible for the additional fees outlined in this document. Please keep in mind that Dr. Watts' testimony may not be solely in your favor or best interest. Dr. Watts can *only* testify to the facts and provide his professional opinions.

- ✚ Letters to attorneys, judges, or court official: \$100
- ✚ Preparation time (including submission of records): \$250/hr
- ✚ Phone calls: \$250/hr
- ✚ Depositions: \$300/hour
- ✚ Time required in giving testimony: \$300/hour
- ✚ Mileage: \$0.50/mile
- ✚ Time away from office due to depositions or testimony: \$250/hour
- ✚ All attorney fees and costs incurred by the therapist as a result of the legal action.
- ✚ Filing a document with the court: \$100
- ✚ The minimum charge for a court appearance: \$2000

A retainer of \$2000 is due in advance. If a subpoena or notice to meet attorney(s) is received without a minimum of 48-hour notice there will be an additional \$300 "express" charge. Also, if the case is reset with less than 72 business hours notice, then the client will be charged \$1000 (in addition to the retainer of \$2000).

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Name of Responsible Party (Printed)

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Date

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Signature of Responsible Party

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Date

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