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Terms and Conditions for Medicolegal Reports and Court Attendance

1. I am prepared to act on behalf of the complainant and the defence and will inform the instructing solicitors of any potential or actual conflict of interest.
2. I will use my professional expertise and experience to provide the instructing solicitor with an objective and honest opinion of all matters within my area of expertise.
3. I require that the instructing solicitor will provide me with clear instructions with all the relevant medical records and documentation.
4. I expect to provide solicitors with my report within four weeks of the interview and examination of the patient. I am happy to discuss details of the case with instructing solicitors by telephone.
5. The instructing party and their client agree not to initiate any legal proceedings against me in connection to any aspect of my report.
6. My charges for the preparation of a medical report are based on the rate of £300 per hour. The total cost for the report will depend on the complexity and the length of the report. The fee will include time for the consultation, reading of hospital and GP notes and other medical reports etc, plus viewing of scans and all other activities related to the report. Travelling time (where required) will be charged at the same rate.
7. If required to attend a meeting in chambers the rate will be £300 per hour.
8. I will charge £150 for all non-attendances unless notification has been received within a week or more of the appointment date.
9. If I am required to appear in court as an expert witness then a minimum period of four months notice will be observed and a fee of £350 will be payable upon notification of the dates to clear my diary.
10. Each day booked in court for me to appear as an expert witness will be charged at the rate of £2000 per day. I will also charge travelling time at £150 per hour plus the cost of either first class train, plane and taxi fare or car mileage at the rate of 40 pence per mile. If necessary the cost of accommodation and subsistence will be added.
11. In the case of cancellation of a court attendance a minimum of two weeks' notice is required. If less than two weeks notice is given, charges will be levied as follows – if notified between 1-2 weeks the fee will be £800 for each day booked to appear in court. If notified between 3 and 7 days the fee will be pro rata. If notified two working days or less then the full fee of £2000 applies.
12. In order for my attendance to be confirmed and leave obtained from NHS commitments a Witness Summons will need to be issued.
13. Under the Civil Procedure Rules I reserve the right to contact the Court directly to discuss availability to attend Court under extenuating circumstances i.e. educational and long standing commitments.
14. By issuing instructions to me to compile a report the instructing party accepts the terms and conditions stated above.