

Fees & Expense Policies

Case Preparation

I utilize a flat fee formula for each of my professional services. It is my practice once I have been requested to participate in a case and have agreed to do so to require remittance of a \$7,500 retainer. This retainer fee covers in its entirety whatever research and analysis I may have to engage in to effectively evaluate your case and prepare for trial. Specifically, it encompasses the following: my personal analysis and evaluation of all relevant case documents; any specialized research which I may conduct or direct my research assistants to conduct; all conference calls which you may wish to schedule for purposes of discussing the case or obtaining guidance throughout the discovery process, as well as the preparation of any requested written reports, affidavits, or response to expert interrogatories. I encourage you to contact me as often as you wish throughout the development of your case. All telephonic and written communications with regard to substantive issues in your case will always be with me personally. The retainer is non-refundable.

Other Professional Services

In cases involving premises liability issues, at your request my office will obtain and compile relevant computer assisted dispatch (CAD) records regarding police calls for service on the property in question, as well as law enforcement reports concerning crime at and around the location. My crime statistician will then develop a concise graphic presentation using this data--including appropriate tables, graphs, pie charts and explanatory narrative to facilitate my analysis as a criminologist and for your use as an attorney. This service is included as part of my flat case preparation fee.

For many years I have utilized the off-duty assistance of currently employed and highly experienced police command officers to conduct specialized research at my direction, as well as to keep me apprised of the most recent developments in law enforcement technology and procedures. Each of my police research assistants has a special area of expertise: e.g., security and crime prevention measures; use of force, including firearms and intermediate weapons such as the Taser, ASP and OC spray; SWAT and hostage negotiation; handling crisis calls involving emotionally disturbed persons(EDPs); personnel selection and training standards; criminal investigation protocols; arrest and jail custodial procedures.

My professional resources also include the following:

- A licensed private investigator with extensive experience as a police detective.
- A crime prevention/private security specialist certified to conduct lighting measurements with a calibrated instrument and to diagram the spatial distribution of illumination.
- A certified senior police crime data analyst and statistician.

Video Teleconferencing

My office is equipped with a state-of-the-art high definition Polycom HDX 9002 video teleconference system. This enables me to have "face to face" meetings with attorney clients anywhere in the nation at their convenience to discuss case related issues.

Discovery Depositions

The Polycom video teleconference system gives attorneys the option of deposing me from their location without incurring the time and expense of traveling to mine. There is no additional charge to either side should you elect to do a video deposition from your location or locations (the HDX 9002 has the capability of tying my office conference site to three other locations simultaneously). I am pleased if requested to make a video recording of any discovery deposition taken at my location and to provide copies of it to all participating attorneys at no charge. If your office does not currently have a VTC capability, you can easily add one to your existing computer or laptop with readily available software; alternatively, you can attend a video deposition either through a VTC equipped law office or Polycom compatible rental site in your area.

In the event that opposing counsel wish to depose me in person, they have the option of doing so at my Palm Beach Gardens office or having me travel to another location. I charge a flat fee of \$3,000 for discovery depositions conducted in Palm Beach Gardens. Depositions conducted beyond Palm Beach Gardens involve a flat fee of \$6,000 plus travel and per diem expenses. I require that all deposition fees and expenses be paid in full at the time a deposition is taken. I rely upon the firm with which I am working to communicate my Fee & Expense Policies to opposing counsel.

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It is my practice to charge a flat fee of \$6,000 for any video-taped deposition which is intended for use at trial in lieu of my personal appearance.

Trial Testimony

In the event that a case is not settled and proceeds to the stage of trial, my fee for expert witness testimony is \$6,000 plus whatever travel and per diem expenses are associated with my court appearance. I will provide your firm with a detailed written invoice reflecting this sum. The full invoice amount must be paid prior to my actual courtroom testimony.

In the unlikely event that conditions at a trial necessitate my presence for additional days, there will be a flat fee of \$2,400 for each day (or any portion thereof). This sum will be due and payable at the time my appearance.

ANY OFFICIAL LISTING OR DESIGNATION OF ME AS AN EXPERT IN A CASE WITHOUT MY EXPRESS PERMISSION AND FORMAL RETENTION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.