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FEE SCHEDULE

Expertise in wood science, building materials, wood preservation, decay/insects, wood-based composites and adhesives, fastener corrosion, wood poles, ladders, furniture, flooring.

Time Charges

For all legal issues related to consultation activities such as reviewing documents and depositions, fieldwork, literature review, consultation with the client or other experts, report writing, travel, etc., the hourly fee is \$400. Deposition and trial testimony is \$600/hour with an 8-hour minimum.

All rates for all services are increased by 50% for work that is required to be conducted outside of regular business hours, weekends, federal holidays, and any work requested to be expedited.

Expenses

All travel time is calculated portal to portal. Travel time begins when I leave my house and ends when I reach my destination. All expenses are billed at cost and all major expenses, except required travel, are pre-approved by the client. All travel-related expenses are to be reimbursed at cost. For example, if I provide 2 hours of testimony and my travel expenses are \$500, then my invoice will be $\$600 \times 8 + \$500 = \$5,300$.

Retainer

A non-refundable \$5,000 retainer is required for all legal work to initiate an engagement, and no use of my name is allowed until the retainer is received. Charges are applied against the retainer and are done so until the retainer is depleted. The retainer is not returned under any circumstances. To retain me, please print, sign, and date this document and email it to me as a PDF. I am retained once I receive this signed document and the retainer check

Invoicing

An invoice is submitted monthly that documents the accumulated time and expenses for the engagement as well as any credit remaining from the retainer. If the retainer has been depleted, payment is due in full upon receipt of the invoice. Any invoices unpaid within 30 days of the invoice date are considered past due and subject to an interest charge of 1.5% per month.