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## **FEE SCHEDULE**

**Expertise in wood science, wood poles, wood framed homes/buildings, building materials, mold, wood preservation/decay/insect damage, wood-based composites, flooring, wood species identification, OSHA standards regarding wood pole inspection and wood scaffolds & ladders, and WDMA standards regarding wooden windows/fenestration.**

### **Time Charges**

For all legal issues related to consultation activities, including reviewing documents and depositions, fieldwork, literature reviews, consultations with clients or other experts, report writing, and travel, the hourly fee is \$450. Deposition and trial testimony are \$625/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.

The \$5,000 deposit for testimony fees is due immediately upon either asking me to hold tentative date(s) for my testimony, informing me of definitive date(s) for my testimony, or my receipt of a subpoena from any party in a pending matter. This fee is non-refundable within two weeks of the start date of my testimony. This fee shall not serve as a credit for any future work. If this minimum fee is exceeded, the balance will be invoiced to the client after the testimony has concluded. After 60 days from my invoice date for testimony fees, the retaining attorney assumes responsibility for payment in full of my testimony fees.

### **Expenses**

All travel time is calculated from portal to portal. Travel time begins when I leave my office and ends when I return to my office. All expenses are billed at cost. All travel-related expenses are reimbursed at cost. All air-related travel over three (3) hours is booked in business class or first class. Hourly testimony expenses are also charged as described above and apply to any time spent waiting or stand-by to provide testimony. Starting two weeks from my scheduled appearance for testimony and/or consultation, if my appearance is deemed canceled or otherwise postponed, then the client agrees to pay half for 4 hours of testimony and any out-of-pocket travel expenses that may have already been incurred.

### **Retainer**

A non-refundable \$5,000 retainer is required for all legal work to initiate an engagement, and no use or otherwise disclosure of my name is allowed until the retainer is received. To retain me, please

**Initial Required**

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print, sign, and date this document and email it to me as a PDF. I will be retained once I receive this signed document and the retainer check, made payable to Wood Science Consulting, LLC. A \$5,000 retainer is owed to me by any party that formally designates me to the Court as an expert, regardless of whether I am called upon to provide testimony, material review, or any work product.

### Invoicing

An invoice is submitted monthly, documenting 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. Work will stop if any invoice is unpaid after 60 days, and will resume once all outstanding invoices have been paid in full. All checks are to be made payable to Wood Science Consulting, LLC.

### Client Property Storage

Client property storage is determined by the amount of space needed to store the client's property and its weight.

Amount of Space Needed	Cost Per Month
5 gallons 17" W x 13" L x 9.5" H	\$200.00/month
12 gallons 26" W x 18" L x 10" H	\$300.00/month
20 gallons 26" W x 18" L x 10" H	\$400.00/month
1/2 pallet 18" W x 18" L	\$400.00/month
Pallet 36" W x 36" L	\$500.00/month

### Agreement

The signatory below acknowledges that he/she has read and is in agreement with this Contract.

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Signature

Date

Case Number and Caption