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CUSTODY EVALUATION FEE AGREEMENT

The Custody Evaluation fees for are \$275.00 per 50 minutes. In most cases, the fee for the evaluation will be between \$18,000.00 and \$30,000.00, but can be considerably more, based on this rate and the complexity of the evaluation. This includes not only time spent in face-to-face interviews, but also time spent on the telephone, reviewing written material, correspondence, travel, scoring and interpreting psychological test data, consultation, and writing the evaluation report, Court preparation, and any other time invested in connection with serving as Custody Evaluator which will also be billed at the \$275.00 rate. The evaluator requires that \$8,000.00 be paid before the first session to initiate the evaluation. In general, this means that each parent pays \$4,000. Payment must be made by cashier's check or money order. Subsequent charges will be billed as this retainer is exhausted and must be paid within ten days of billing. Any questions about subsequent billings must be raised within ten days of the date billed or it is assumed that subsequent invoices have been accepted by all parties as being true and correct. **ALL WORK ON THE EVALUATION WILL STOP IF THESE ADDITIONAL FEES ARE NOT PAID IN FULL WITHIN TEN DAYS.** The evaluator shall be reimbursed for any expenses she incurs in association with her role as Evaluator. These costs may include but are not limited to the following: photocopies, messenger service, long-distance telephone charges, express and/or certified mail costs and excess postage to foreign countries, parking tolls, mileage, travel expenses, editing, and word processing. The evaluator further requires that the remaining fees be paid prior to the writing of the final report. The evaluator will provide a written account of all costs.

Missed Appointments:

At least twenty-four hours' notice is required to cancel or reschedule an appointment without being charged in full for the missed appointment. If at least twenty-four hours' notice is not received, the parent who missed the appointment will be billed an additional \$275.00 per fifty-minute appointment hour. (Cancellations must be made by telephone; email messages are not accepted to cancel appointments.) If both participants miss an appointment, they will each be billed an additional amount for half of the scheduled time, unless they agree to divide this cost otherwise, and the evaluator agrees.

Refund Policy: If, for any reason, one or both parents stop the evaluation prior to completion, any unused portion of the fees paid by the parents will be refunded. One-half of this refund will be paid to each parent, assuming they are sharing the cost of the evaluation.

Settlement Conferences, Depositions, and Court Appearances:

If the attorneys request the evaluator's participation in Depositions or Court Appearances, the charge will be an additional \$400.00 per hour, billed at a four-hour minimum. The evaluator requires a subpoena for deposition or court appearance. (\$450.00 an hour for appearances outside of the City and County of San Francisco.) A separate retainer for such time spent is required and due at the time the evaluator is served with a subpoena or immediately afterward. (All fees must be paid at least ten days prior to the settlement conference, deposition, or court appearance.) All fees are the responsibility of the party issuing the subpoena. If both parties subpoena the evaluator to court, the associated fees will be shared equally unless specifically agreed otherwise between the parties, and the evaluator concurs. As is usual and customary, should the evaluator's appearance for a Deposition or Court Appearance be cancelled at the last minute, witness fees will not be refunded as the evaluator will have cleared her calendar in order to appear.

Signature _____ Date _____
Mother

Signature _____ Date _____
Father