

Benson Psychological Services, PC
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Financial Agreement for Forensic Evaluations

The financial relationship for provision of Forensic Evaluations will be between Benson Psychological Services, PC and the Attorney or Law Firm requesting the evaluation, rather than directly with the individual to be evaluated. Retainers, fees for the evaluation itself, and subsequent testimony will be billed through the attorney or firm requesting the service. For the purposes of this agreement, the Client refers to the attorney or law firm requesting the evaluation.

In the case of Sexually Dangerous Individual evaluations, the bill is sent to the Department of Human Services, specifically, the North Dakota State Hospital, if the client is found indigent by the Court.

The rate for Forensic evaluations are \$200 an hour for our doctorate level providers and \$50 an hour for graduate student time. Time billed will include all activities related to the evaluation, including, but not limited to: reviewing records; conducting interviews; administering, scoring, and interpreting psychological tests; engaging in telephone conversations; participating in meetings with the Client; preparing written report(s); travel time; preparation for court/deposition appearances; and court/deposition testimony. Out of pocket expenses such as, mileage, testing materials, parking, photocopying are additional and will be billed separately.

The Client agrees to post a retainer in the amount of \$ _____. Benson Psychological will bill against the retainer. Once the retainer has been depleted, the Client will be billed to replenish the retainer on a regular basis. In no event will a final report be released or any testimony, in any form, be provided until the account has been paid in full. Benson Psychological retains the right to discontinue the evaluation if invoices are not paid in a timely manner. Any unused retainer payments will be refunded to the Client at the termination of the evaluation.

If the individual to be evaluated fails to attend an appointment, or fails to give 24 hour notice of cancellation, the Client will be billed for one hour of time. Follow up meetings, consultation, preparation or expert testimony will be billed on a portal to portal basis, at the rate of \$200 per hour. Feedback of the results to client and attorney will be provided at no charge.

If expert testimony is required, another retainer of \$500 will be required at least one week prior to the court date. In the event a settlement is reached and 72 hours notice is given, the retainer will be refunded in entirety. If 48 hours or less notice is given, half of the retainer will be refunded. If expert testimony requires travel of a distance more than 90 miles, and the scheduled time for testimony is prior to 9:00am, a hotel charge may be included. No retainer is required for SDI testimony.

Individual to be evaluated	Date
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Attorney or Law Firm	Date
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Stacey Benson, PsyD, LP	Date
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(Or other appointed psychologist from Benson Psychological Services, PC)