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## Court Fees and Court Appearances

The purpose of this document is to explain the fees associated with letters and court appearances. For those clients involved in the legal system (i.e., court ordered counseling, custody situations, or criminal litigation), it is your responsibility to inform Suzette Wasvick, MS, LPC-MH, QMHP, RPT-S as soon as you are aware of the potential of legal proceedings. Clients are required to review and sign this form prior to the first session.

Suzette Wasvick is not a court appointed evaluator for child custody and cannot determine the living arrangements of your child(ren). Clients should be mindful that the effectiveness of counseling is based on trust, honesty, and willingness to be open in a safe place. Involving the legal system in counseling interferes with the treatment process and can pose significant psychological risks. Therefore, clients are strongly discouraged from having Suzette Wasvick release confidential information about the counseling session or testify on their behalf.

If a client requires Suzette Wasvick to be involved in legal matters, he or she will be responsible for the additional fees outlined in this document. Please keep in mind that Suzette Wasvick's testimony may not be solely in your favor or best interest. Suzette Wasvick can only testify to the facts and provide her professional opinions.

- Letters to a 3rd party: \$200
- Preparation time (including submission of records): \$220/hr
- Phone calls: \$220/hr
- Depositions: \$250/hour
- Time required in giving testimony: \$250/hour
- Mileage: \$1.00/mile
- Time away from office due to depositions or testimony: \$220/hour
- All attorney fees and costs incurred by the therapist as a result of the legal action.

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Signature of Responsible Party

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Date