

COURT SERVICE VENDOR RATE FEE SCHEDULE

(For Non-Employee, Professional and Specialized Personal Services to the Courts)

Updated July 1, 2009



SERVICE CATEGORY	AUTHORITY; REFS. ¹	FEE/RATE & BASIS ¹
ADR /JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE:		
Judges, (Ret.) Assigned (Judicial Council)	GC 68540, et seq	92% Active Judge Comp. + exps.
Judges, Pro Tempore (Temporary)	Const. Art VI, Sec 21; CRC 244, 880	Pro Bono (No Compensation)
Judicial Arbitrators	CCP 1141.18 (b)	>of \$150/case or per day
Civil Mediators	CCP 1775, et seq	>of \$150/case or per day
COURT INVESTIGATOR FEES:		
Conservatorship: (Initial) Temporary, General & 6-Month Review	Probate Code §§1826, 2250.6	\$600.00
Conservatorship: (Initial) General & 6-Month Review	Probate Code §1826	\$500.00
Conservatorship: (Review) Review w/Accounting	Probate Code §1851	\$500.00
Conservatorship: (Review) Review w/o Accounting	Probate Code §1851	\$400.00
Conservatorship: Miscellaneous Reports: Successor, Exclusive Medical & Sale of Residence, Accounting only	Probate Code §§2684, 1894, 2540	\$300.00
Guardianship: (Initial) Person Only	Probate Code §1513	\$600.00
Guardianship: (Initial) Estate Only	Probate Code §1513	\$400.00
Guardianship: Review: Person Only	Probate Code §1513.2	\$300.00
Guardianship: Review: Estate Only	Probate Code §1513.2	\$300.00
Termination of Parental Rights and Stepparent Adoption	Family Code §9000	\$400.00 first child \$100.00 each additional child
Termination of Parental Rights only	Family Code §7851.5	\$300.00 first child \$100.00 each additional child, \$700 for the first child + \$350 for the second child when the petition is filed at the same time.
Step-parent Adoption only	Family Code §9000	\$300.00 first child \$100.00 each additional child
ECONOMIC EXPERTS:		
Appraisers - Business, Prof. Practice	Evid. Code 730, et seq	Judicial Determination, by Court order before service
Appraisers - Collectibles		"
Appraisers - Real Estate		"
Appraisers - Other		"
Receivers / Property Managers		"

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HEARING OFFICERS, MENTAL HEALTH:		
Certification Review	W&I 5256.1	\$ 1000. per mo., Flat Rate
Medic./Treatmt. Capacity	W&I 5334	\$ 300. per mo., Standby Fee; + \$ 150. per hearing sched. & heard, \$ 40. sched. & canc. with notice, \$ 80. sched. & canc. w/o notice.
INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES:		
Conflict Defense Attorneys - Public Defender Conflicts	PC 987.2(b)	Flat Rate Contract
Attorneys - Dependent Child Cases		Flat Rate Contract
Attorneys - Minor Child Repr., Other	FL 3150	\$100. per hr., not to exceed \$500.
Investigators	PC 987.2	(Services under Attorney Contracts)
JURORS:		
Grand Jurors	SB Co. Ord. #4431	\$ 25.00/mtg.+ Co. empl. mlg. Rate
Trial Jurors	CCP 215	\$ 15.00/day + .34/mile, one-way (Commencing on second day)
LANGUAGE INTERPRETING:		
Interpreters - Spanish (all dialects)	CRC 984 et seq	\$ 265. per day/ \$147. per half-day ^{\2}
Interpreters - Sign Language	"	" "
Interpreters - "Exotic" Languages / Dialects	"	" "
Non-Certified Interpreters	"	\$ 160. per day/ \$92. half day
Translators - Spanish Documents		Judicial Determination, by Court order before service
Translators - Other & "Exotic" Language		"
MEDICAL / PSYCH. DIAGNOSTICS:		
Criminal - Narcotics Addiction	W&I 3050, et seq	up to \$425. per exam and report
Criminal - Competence to Stand Trial	PC 1368	up to \$425. per exam and report
Criminal - Sex Offender w/ Child	PC 288.1, 1203.66(C)	up to \$425. per exam and report
Criminal - Sanity, Others	PC 1026, EC 730	up to \$425. per exam and report
Juvenile	W&I 741	up to \$425. per exam and report
All Other		up to \$425. per exam and report
VERBATIM REPORTING SERVICES:		
Verbatim Reporter	GC 68086	\$ 534. / day; \$ 267. / half-day ^{\2}
Verbatim Recording Monitor - Video		No rate established

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Verbatim Recording Monitor - Audio		"
Transcriber / Notereader		"
Verbatim Transcripts	GC 69950, 69951	Original @ .85 per Folio*
(* Folio = 100 words)		Copies @ .15 per Folio*
(Folios per Page:		(+50% for Daily Copy Service)
Crim/Juv.= 2.8, Civil = 3.0)		
WITNESSES (Percipient and Expert):		
Expert Witness - Medical, Psych. ^{\1,4}	EC 730, GC 68092.5	<1 Hr. \$ 100. >1 Hr. 75. per Hr
Expert Witness - Economic/Other ^{\1,4}	" "	Judicial Determination each case.
Percipient Witness - Criminal/Juvenile	GC 204, PC 1329 (b)	\$ 18. per day IF income loss ^{\3}
Percipient Witness - before Grand Jury	GC 68094	\$ 12. per day + .20 / Mi. One-way
Percipient Witness - Civil ^{\1}	GC 204, GC 68093	\$ 35. per day
Percipient Witness - Civil ^{\1} Public Emp.	GC 68096.1	"Normal salary or compensation"
Percipient Witness - Civil ^{\1} Peace Officer/Fire	GC 68096.1, 68097.2, 68097.3, 68097.4	" (plus special provisions)
OTHER SERVICES:		
Juvenile Justice Commissioners	W&I 231, 233, Bd. Ord.	< of \$ 25. mtg., \$ 50. mo.
Parent Education Program Providers	Local Court Rule 1507	There is no fee for this program

GENERAL INFORMATION & NOTES

NOTICE OF SERVICE NEEDS: Parties and Counsel are required to provide at least forty-eight (48) hours notice (to the Courts' Calendar Management unit) of any need for Interpreting, special Verbatim Reporting or any other Court service that is not routinely provided in all Court departments in all cases, in order to assure that these services may be arranged by the Court on a timely basis.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS: All service vendors paid under the fee and rate arrangements referenced in this Schedule, are considered by the Santa Barbara County Trial Courts to be qualified Independent Contractors, rather than employees of the Courts.

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RATES & FEES; "PRO BONO" CONTRIBUTION TO JUSTICE: Any rates and fees for professional and specialized personal services to the Trial Courts, except for such rates and fees as may be established by California statute or the (State) California Rules of Court, are hereby established by this Schedule of Rates and Fees. The Santa Barbara County Trial Courts will attempt to periodically compare the fees paid by our Courts to those paid by Courts and other public entities in similar Counties, in order to monitor and update the compensation paid our service providers, to the extent permitted by public budget constraints. It should be recognized, however, that the taxpaying public funds the trial courts, and that Court lack of compensation parity with compensation in the private sector may necessarily be considered to be a service provider's contribution to the administration of justice, in the public interest.

1 All service fees in CIVIL cases are paid by the parties in the case, rather than by the Courts, unless otherwise specifically provided by California statute, State or local Court Rules, or by a specific Court order in a particular case.

2 Court Interpreting and Verbatim Reporting services will be compensated on the basis of any combination of service in either AM or PM of any day constituting one half-day of service, and any combination of service in both AM and PM of any one day constituting one day of service. No compensation exceeding the full day rate will be paid for service provided to the Courts in any one given day.

3 Percipient (general) witnesses in Criminal or Juvenile cases who testify and / or appear in Court for prosecution and defense agencies, are paid from the County-funded, Court-administered, "Courts Special Services" budget. Note: Subsection (b) of PC 1329 provides that witness fees may be limited to percipient witnesses where an employed witness documents an income loss.

4 When the Court appointment of a diagnostician (for an examination and report) or an expert witness (for testimony) in a Criminal or Juvenile case is mandated by statute, or is made on the Court's own motion without motion or request of prosecution or defense, any fees for such service will be paid from the "Court Special Services" budget. When such appointments are made on motion or request of prosecution or defense, or when Expert witnesses are subpoenaed or requested to appear or to be available for appearance by those agencies, the cost of these services should be paid from the budgets of the requesting prosecution or defense agency.