

**ATTORNEY FEE SCHEDULE**  
**Brazoria County Courts Trying CPS Cases**

<b><u>Individual Case Appointments</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
(attorney must receive prior court approval to be considered for appointment on CPS cases)		(Presumptive Maximum)

**Non-Trial Appearances -**

<b>Initial Adversary Hearings</b>	<b>\$70-90/hr</b>	<b>\$480/day</b>
<b>Status Hearings</b>	<b>\$70-90/hr</b>	<b>\$180/day*</b>
<b>Subsequent Hearings</b>	<b>\$70-90/hr</b>	<b>\$180/day*</b>
<b>Safety Planning Meeting</b>	<b>\$70-90/hr</b>	<b>\$180/day*</b>
<b>Review Hearings</b>	<b>\$70-90/hr</b>	<b>\$180/day*</b>
<b>Placement Review Hearings</b>	<b>\$70-90/hr</b>	<b>\$180/day*</b>
<b>Motions Hearings</b>	<b>\$70-90/hr</b>	<b>\$180/day*</b>

\* maximum hours billed cannot exceed total number of hours in court/day

<b>Trial (jury or non-jury) -</b>	<b>\$70-90/hr</b>	<b>\$500/day</b>
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**Out-of-Court hours -**

<b>Out-of-Court meetings</b>	<b>\$70-90/hr</b>	<b>\$180/day*</b>
<b>PPT Meetings</b>	<b>\$70-90/hr</b>	<b>\$180/day*</b>
<b>Family Planning Meeting</b>	<b>\$70-90/hr</b>	<b>\$180/day*</b>
<b>Visit with Child/Parent</b>	<b>\$70-90/hr</b>	<b>\$180/day*</b>

(See below for out of town travel time)

<b>Trial Preparation/research</b>	<b>\$70-90/hr</b>	<b>\$500/day*</b>
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\* (must detail hours in voucher and show hours are reasonable and necessary)

**Investigation/Expert Fees –**

(Must request court approval prior to hiring expert or investigator;  
 Must detail expenses and hours on voucher submitted to Court)

<b>Investigator</b>	<b>\$40/hr</b>	<b>\$500/case</b>
<b>Expert</b>	<b>CPS contract rate (no exceptions)</b>	

**Costs –**

- **Copies** – must utilize electronic copy policy through Brazoria County District Clerk’s Office (e.g. email, zip-drive, CD) for all pleadings, documents filed with Court/Clerk, etc.
- **Faxes** - .10/page for faxes received; no reimbursement for faxes sent other than long distance cost.
- **Service Fees** – must utilize Sheriff’s Office service, Constable service or local law enforcement service. Private Process Service available only with prior

Court approval and after unsuccessful attempts through local law enforcement.

- **Travel – NO TRAVEL WILL BE PAID UNLESS PRIOR COURT APPROVAL RECEIVED.** Travel hours, idle hours and waiting time will not be compensated unless prior approval received from Court. Only time actively engaged in case will be compensated. Court will reimburse mileage or time but not both.

**- Travel time outside Brazoria and contiguous counties  
if approved by Court- standard hourly rate**

*(THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE TRAVEL FROM YOUR OFFICE TO THE COURTHOUSE and  
MILEAGE IS NOT REIMBURSED IF TIME IS SUBMITTED)*

**-Mileage – Brazoria County rate .50/mile**

**-Airline - actual cost (14-day  
(only out of county costs; no court travel time) advance ticket rate) \*receipt  
required**