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An Association of Nationally Recognized Experts & Instructors - Traffic Accident Investigation

FEE SCHEDULE

CONSULTING FEES: Fees will be billed at the rate of \$200.00 per hour for Expert Consulting Services, which includes time spent reviewing documents, having conferences, inspecting sites and vehicles, preparing written documents, etc. Travel time will be measured from portal to portal. We reserve the right to bill lost or wasted time in the event of cancellation or delay. By requesting that services be performed, Client (Individual, Business, Attorney, Insurance Carrier) agrees to pay, in a timely manner, all fees and expenses billed. Rates are subject to change without notice.

DEPOSITION TESTIMONY: Deposition testimony will be billed at the rate of \$250.00 per hour, with a four hour minimum charge. Attorneys responsible for payment of deposition fees will have the option of paying for four, six, or eight hours. Deposition fees must be paid prior to deposition date. Travel time to and from deposition site will be billed at \$200.00 per hour. Expenses incurred during travel will also be billed.

COURT TESTIMONY: Court testimony will be billed at the rate of \$250.00 per hour, with an eight hour minimum charge. Travel time to and from court will be billed at \$200.00 per hour. Expenses incurred during travel will also be billed. Fees and expenses expected to be incurred will be invoiced prior to court appearance and payment must be received by Steven W. Rickard and Associates, Inc. before any appearance. Should less than seven (7) days notice be provided for cancellation of dates previously reserved for court testimony, fee portion of retainer will not be refunded. All fees and expenses previously billed on the case in question must be paid in full prior to appearance in court.

EXPENSES: Expenses associated with travel, including charges for airline travel, car rental, lodging, parking, tolls, taxis, etc. will be billed at the cost expended. Mileage will be billed at the rate of \$.60 per mile. A flat charge of \$35.00 per 8-hour day will be charged for meals. A \$500.00 flat fee will be billed for the use of ECM downloading equipment. Fees for time spent traveling to scene of download and expenses associated with same will also be billed. Fees for the preparation of courtroom exhibits, including diagrams, charts, video animation, and other items will be billed at the rate of \$200.00 per hour. Charges incurred for supplies will also be billed. By requesting that services be performed, Client (Individual, Business, Attorney, Insurance Carrier) agrees to pay, in a timely manner, all expenses billed.

RETAINERS REQUIRED: An initial retainer in the amount of \$2,000.00 is required for all matters in which services are requested on behalf of plaintiffs and/or claimants, and in all matters involving the defense of persons in criminal actions.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES AND EXPENSES: Fees and Expenses will be billed to client as they are performed/incurred. Payment for Fees and Expenses are due upon presentation of an invoice and not upon settlement of cases. Balances not paid within 30 days of the invoice date will be subject to a carrying charge of 1.5% per month on the unpaid balance. Work on matters will cease when a client is more than sixty (60) days in arrears on any outstanding invoice. The client shall pay any and all collection costs, including all legal fees and costs, incurred by Steven W. Rickard and Associates, Inc. in connection with collection of its account.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011