

FEES

“Consultation Fee: “X” dollars...

Filing Fees: “Y” dollars...

An Excellent Attorney and Advocate Handling My Case: **PRICELESS!**”

The Law Office of Nadine A. Brown, P.A. is a for profit law firm. A client can expect to pay for the attorney’s time and experience analyzing a case and giving a professional opinion in addition to work completed on a legal matter. Attorney fees apply to ALL cases, **except** those referred by a county legal aid organization or a pre-paid legal service plan (or employee benefit) provider. **Fees vary with service, and are subject to change.** Flat fees may be applicable to many cases, but hourly fees may also apply depending on the nature or complexity of the legal matter.

Pro Bono – “For Free” - does not apply to this firm. The attorney does not work for free. The attorney handles only those “pro bono” cases referred by a county legal aid organization for which a client must income qualify.

Initial consultations are required and provide an introduction to the attorney to determine whether the attorney and client will work well together. This meeting provides an opportunity for the attorney to review and analyze the details of your case, determine the options you have available, and for you to decide how to proceed. **THERE IS A FEE FOR AN INITIAL CONSULTATION**, which may range from **\$150 to \$300** depending on whether the attorney must simply give advice, and/or review documentation and/or research a legal matter. **FREE CONSULTATIONS** apply generally to a **CONTINGENT FEE** practice of which this firm is not.

Payment of Attorney’s fees in advance is to ensure that the attorney sets aside time to work on the case and to compensate the attorney for the work that is to be done on the case. Fees are set **regardless** of the anticipated or expected outcome. You pay for the attorney’s knowledge, education, expertise and the completed legal matter.

Fees may be offered and requested “a la carte” or “full service”. A full service retainer fee may range from \$1500-\$5000 depending on the case or legal matter, but “a la carte” or “per service” requests may be made or offered at reduced rates. A two hour minimum with advance deposit is required to reserve mediation time. Mediation hourly rates are \$200.

FAMILY CONFLICT RESOLUTION SERVICES MEDIATION and PARENTING COORDINATION

Mediation services may be paid hourly or by paying in advance a flat fee to reserve blocks of time. The parties to the mediation generally share or divide the fee equally. A two hour minimum with advance deposit of \$500 is required to reserve mediation time.

Parenting Coordination services are paid hourly and accepted after execution of a contract and payment of an advanced retainer. Fees may begin at \$100 per hour.

FEES are SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FEES ARE PAYABLE IN CASH, by money order or with the following credit cards: Visa, Master Card, American Express or Discover Card.

COSTS

In addition to attorney fees, a client will be personally responsible for “costs” in the administration of his or her case. These costs will include at least three varieties:

- 1) **Administrative Fees** include overseas/international phone calls, excessive long distance phone charges made within the United States, copying fees, mileage, parking, and domestic and/or international mail delivery fees associated with the case;
- 2) **Filing Fees** include court fees payable to the Clerk of the Court, and/or government processing fees or application fees payable to the Department of Homeland Security US Citizenship & Immigration Services;
- 3) **Third Party Costs** (if applicable) include but are not limited to fees for document translation or interpreter services, process servers, court reporters, transcriptionists, expert witnesses, psychologists, guardian-ad-litem, mediators, licensed mental health therapists, private investigators, etc. or any other costs associated with a third party involved in the case deemed necessary to administer your case.