

OAKLAND COUNTY PROBATE COURT Appointment Fee Schedule

PROBATE MATTERS

Basic fee shall include visits, consultation with parties, review of file, preparation, GAL reports, court appearances and court orders. If no GAL report is filed, voucher will be returned without payment.

-Adult or Minor Guardianship Petition -Adult or Minor Conservatorship Petition - insufficient funds -Decedent Estate with insufficient funds (GAL only) -Developmentally Disabled Person	GAL or Defense attorney	\$215 per case \$50 per in-court/no-notice adjournment
-Temporary/Emergency Guardianship or Conservatorship hearing	GAL	\$215 /temporary/emergency hearing
-Petition dismissed before hearing (including death of respondent), after work performed	GAL or Defense Attorney	\$120

- GAL/attorney should make recommendation in report as to whether estate should be billed for services.
- Guardianship and conservatorship for the same individual are paid as one case.

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Basic fee includes visits, preparation, review of documents, deferral meetings and court hearings.

Cases Heard in Oakland County

Attorney of the week – two hearing dates covering approximately 1/3 of all MI, JA or Assisted Outpatient Treatment cases scheduled for the week.	\$1080 per week \$50 per date in-court adjournment for non-jury hearing
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Cases Heard Out-of-County [For cases handled by attorneys for Oakland County in courts outside of the county.]

Patient Deferred	\$60 per case
Deferral and Hearing	\$120 per case; \$50 per in-court adjournment
Video Hearing at CFP	\$120 per case

APPLICABLE TO ALL MATTERS

Review Hearings/Status Conference: **\$215**

Jury Trials: **\$350**

Appeals: **\$60** per hour (maximum **\$500** per case)

Extraordinary Fees - must be itemized; will be reviewed by assigned Judge: **\$60** per hour

GAL report/no hearing: **\$120**

Excessive Travel

Assignments which require travel of 50 or more miles round trip calculated from the courthouse will be paid (individual cases cannot be stacked for total mileage): 50-74 miles **\$25.00** 75-99 miles **\$37.50** 100+ miles **\$50**

Independent Evaluations by Physicians or Mental Health Professionals

- Court ordered evaluation **\$125** per hour (not to exceed **\$500**)
- Extra payment for testimony may be requested **\$75** per hour

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Reimbursement

- Depending on the circumstances, the County may seek reimbursement of fees from a party.

Billing Requirements

- Attorneys on Mental Health matters must submit the form “*Statement of Services and Order for Payment – Mental Health*” (**PEMH 1092a**)
- All other attorneys and GALs on non-mental health cases must submit the form “*Statement of Services and Order for Payment – General Probate*” (**PEMH 1092**)
- Independent Evaluators must submit the form “*Independent Evaluator Invoice*” (**PEMH 1102**)
- Requests for payment submitted on the wrong form will be returned and delay payment.
- Form must be submitted within 60 days after attorney is released or case dismissed, whichever is first. **Billings submitted beyond the 60 day period will not be honored.**