



Advanced Orthopedic
& Sports Medicine Specialists

MEDICAL – LEGAL FEE SCHEDULE

The following is the fee schedule of Advanced Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Specialists, a Division of Orthopedic Centers of Colorado, LLC for expert witness fees and charges in connection with reports, case reviews, depositions, trial testimony and cancellations. This policy has been developed in accordance with the recommendations of the 1986 Interprofessional Code (“Code”) approved by the Colorado Medical Society and Colorado Bar Association. See Code, 9.1.

Unless otherwise noted, refunds will not be issued for cancellations less than 30 days before the scheduled time. Payment is required before scheduling or release of requested documents.

Reports – Reports requested by an attorney concerning any aspect of a patient’s treatment and/or prognosis will be billed at the rate of \$400.00/hour. Payment is required in advance preparation of the report. See Code, 4.10.

Case Reviews, Conferences – Review of medical records, x-rays, other documents, conferences with attorneys (or staff), pre-deposition conference with attorneys (or staff), and telephone calls will be billed at the rate of \$650.00/hour. The office will bill the charges and payment is due on receipt. See Code, 9.2, 9.3.

DEPOSITIONS:

Retainer fee: No deposition will be scheduled unless a retainer fee is first received. The retainer fee is \$1,320.00, which represents the cost of one (1) and a half hours deposition time. The retainer will be refunded in full if a deposition is canceled no less than 14 business days in advance of the deposition. Otherwise, the retainer fee will be forfeited.

Deposition Preparation: Time spent in preparation for the deposition will be billed at \$650.00/hour. The charges for deposition preparation will be billed by the office and are payable upon receipt. Preparation expenses are not eligible for refund.

Depositions: Depositions will be billed at the rate of \$1,000.00/hour in 15-minute segments (\$250.00 per each 15-minute segment) in the event depositions exceed the minimum of one and a half hours time allotted. Videotaped or video conference depositions in lieu of trial testimony will also be billed at the same rate. The deposition will not be scheduled until the fee is first received. If the deposition runs over the one and a half hours scheduled time, the office will bill the charges and payment is due on receipt.

Review/Corrections of Depositions: Review and correction of depositions will be billed at the rate of \$650.00/hour to the attorney or party taking the deposition. See Code 8.2.

TRIAL TESTIMONY

Scheduling and Retainers: Attorneys are requested and encouraged to schedule trial testimony as early as possible. Surgery schedules are often set a month (or more) in advance and trial testimony should be scheduled at a MINIMUM of six weeks in advance of the trial. When trial testimony is requested, the physician will be blocked out of the office in ½ day segments, recognizing that delays in court are frequent.

The office will schedule no trial time unless a retainer fee is first received. The retainer fee is \$6,600.00, which represents the time for ½ day of professional time. The retainer fee will be refunded in full if trial testimony is canceled no less than thirty (30) days before the trial. Otherwise, the retainer fee will be forfeited.

Trial Testimony – Trial testimony in the metropolitan Denver area (Denver, Arapahoe, Jefferson, Douglas, and Adams Counties) is billed at the rate of \$6,600.00 per half day. This includes travel time, but does not include other expenses, such as parking. If more than ½ day is spent, an additional \$6,600.00 will be billed. These additional charges for trial testimony will be billed by the office and are payable upon receipt.

For trial testimony outside the metropolitan Denver area, an additional fee for travel time of \$275.00/hour will be included for actual travel time, with a minimum of one hour billed, unless other arrangements are agreed upon. When travel is required as deemed by the physician, additional expense for first-class travel and first-class accommodation will be billed at expense for reimbursement. Travel expenses must be reimbursed despite testimony outcome.

Payment: Because the attorney is “ethically obligated to directly compensate the physician for medical-legal fees he or she has requested”, see Code, 9.4, we respectfully request that prompt payment of all bills be made. Interest of 9% compounded will be added to any bills, which are not paid in full within 30 days.