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## Court Action & Legal Fees

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Counseling is intended to be a confidential and safe environment to process, support and facilitate healthy human interactions and relationships. The intention is for everyone to participate openly without fear from retaliation or reprisal. As such, clients are discouraged from having their therapist subpoenaed or summoned to court.

The following policies and fees pertain to any involvement Bellevue Family Counseling, LLC, or therapists employed or under contract may have if called upon to participate in any court action or related Subpoena as part of a case brought against another person or institution. These fees pertain to the treatment of your own self, child or children.

1. Preparation time (including submission of records): \$500 per hour
2. Phone calls: \$500 per hour rounded up to the next quarter hour
3. Depositions: \$500 per hour
4. Time required in giving testimony in court: \$500 per hour
5. Mileage & travel: \$5.00 per mile plus 500 per hour rounded up to the next quarter hour.
6. Time away from office due to depositions or testimony: \$500 per hour
7. All fees and costs incurred by CCFC, LLC and therapist as a result of the legal action
8. The minimum charge for a court appearance: \$5,000

**When presenting a subpoena, a retainer of \$5,000 is due in advance.** If a subpoena or notice to meet attorney(s) is received without a minimum of 48-hour notice there will be an additional \$1,000 “express” charge. Also, if the case is rescheduled with less than 72 business hours’ notice, there will be an additional fee of \$1,000 (in addition to the retainer of \$5,000).

Even though you are responsible for the testimony fee, it does not mean that the testimony by Bellevue Family Counseling, LLC, or therapists employed or under contract will be solely in your favor. We can only testify to the facts of the case and to our professional opinion.