

ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 17th day of March, 2021, counsel appointed by Court Order to represent a client in any matter shall be paid pursuant to the following schedule unless otherwise provided by specific Order of Court:

1. **Court appointed counsel and court appointed conciliators:** A fee of \$80 per hour for each hour representing the client's interests or acting as conciliator including travel time with the exception that travel time shall not be compensated for travel to or from court proceedings subject to the following:
 - a. Whenever possible, meetings with clients incarcerated at a state correctional institution shall be arranged by video conferencing through the Court upon request;
 - b. Tolls will be fully reimbursed provided written receipt is attached; and
 - c. The following expenses are not approved for reimbursement unless prior authorization from the Court is obtained:
 - mileage;
 - postage;
 - telephone charges;
 - stenographic services;
 - transcription services;
 - photocopying expenses;
 - meals;
 - parking;
 - any other expenses customarily considered an operating expense in maintaining a legal practice; and
 - communication with Court Administration and/or the Court that is administrative in nature.

2. **Expert fees:** All expenses for services of an expert must be approved by the Court prior to the retention of any expert. The request for approval must be accompanied by a written statement from the expert as to the fees and costs anticipated and a description of the services to be provided in exchange for the payment of fees. Any expenses incurred beyond that which is approved in advance by the Court shall be the responsibility of the attorney and will not be reimbursed by the Court or the County of Adams.
3. **Members of a board of view:** Members of a board of view shall be compensated for services performed as follows:
 - a. Law members at a rate of \$80 per hour;
 - b. Lay members at a rate of \$35 per hour; and
 - c. Mileage shall be reimbursed at the current rate paid by the County of Adams.
4. **Members of a board of arbitration:** Members of a board of arbitration shall be compensated for services performed as follows:
 - a. Chairperson - \$250;
 - b. Other members - \$200; and
 - c. Any party appealing a decision of a board of arbitration shall pay a fee of \$650 to the Prothonotary. Said fee shall, in turn, be credited to the appropriate Court revenue account. If more than one party files an appeal, the appeal fee shall be apportioned equally among them.

It is further Ordered that Administrative Orders No. 47 of 2012; No. 2 of 2017; No. 9 of 2017; and paragraph 3 of No. 1 of 2019 are vacated.

This Order is effective immediately and shall apply to all court appointed services performed as of the date of this Order regardless of the date of appointment.

BY THE COURT:

MICHAEL A. GEORGE
President Judge

Board of Judges
Donald Fennimore, District Court Administrator
Board of Commissioners
John Phillips, Controller
Beverly Boyd, Prothonotary
Christine Redding, Treasurer
Kelly Lawver, Clerk of Courts
Steve Nevada, County Manager
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