



Court Testimony Policy

Due to the nature of this (child/couple/family therapy) practice there are continuously numerous cases which are actively involved with the courts. Therefore, company policies are in place to ensure operational business practices. Specifically, any and all requested court testimony time must be requested in advance with adequate notice – no less than 30 days prior to the scheduled court date. Fees for court time must be paid in advance.

Due to travel time, case review time and the unpredictability of the court's schedule, it is necessary to block off a minimum of one full day of time to accommodate any hearing. Cases that are expected to take longer than one day of time must also schedule accordingly. Due to the nature of this therapy practice involving high needs patients/clients including, domestic violence, child abuse and suicidal ideation cases, court testimony cannot be accommodated without prior arrangements, as psychotherapy cases cannot be easily canceled or rescheduled.

The minimum fee for court appearance is a one day rate of \$1,500.00. Each additional day expected must also be booked and paid for in advance. Alternatives to court appearance may include attorney staffing, phone consultation and/or letters on behalf of the client which can save on time spent and court appearance costs. Fees for such are also listed on the website.

All clients and parents of minor clients (both active and previous) of Oceanside Family Therapy, LLC, are expected to adhere to the above mentioned policy in order for us to provide a quality standard of care for each and every current patient/client of this practice.

At Oceanside Family Therapy, LLC each and every client's appointment is of utmost importance and cannot be disregarded, dismissed or rescheduled due to poor attorney scheduling of court appearances. Please keep in mind, that due to demand, many appointments are scheduled weeks to months in advance including those of clients who arrange travel plans from out of state.

Thank you.