

Oakland County Probate Court

FEE SCHEDULE

•GUARDIANS AD LITEM •COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS •INDEPENDENT EVALUATORS

PROBATE MATTERS

BASIC FEE

These fees include visits, preparation, review of documents, reports, court appearances and court orders.

Table with 3 columns: Fee Category, Description, and Amount. Includes rows for Court Appointed Attorney or Guardian ad litem (Adult/Minor Guardianships, Adult/Minor Conservatorships, Decedent Estates) and Court Appointed Attorney (Developmentally Disabled Individual, Guardianship Review).

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

These fees included visits, preparation, review of documents, deferral meetings and court hearings.

Cases Heard in Oakland County

The court appoints 3 attorneys each week to hear approximately 1/3 of the mental health docket for the week. This includes both hearing dates and all MI matters that are scheduled for those dates, including mental commitment and Kevin’s Law cases. \$930 per attorney per week

Cases Heard Out-of-County

For cases handled by attorneys for Oakland County in courts outside of the county:

Table with 2 columns: Fee Category and Amount. Includes Patient Deferred (\$50 per case), Deferral and Hearing (\$100 per case), and Video Hearing (\$100 per case).

Jury Trials \$300 per case

APPLICABLE TO ALL MATTERS

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

Independent Evaluations by Physicians or Mental Health Professionals

- The independent evaluation must be ordered by the court
Payment shall not exceed \$300 \$75 per hour
Extra payment for testimony may be requested \$75 per hour

Excess Fees

Must be itemized; will be assessed by the Business Office \$60 per hour

Excessive Travel

Assignments which require travel of 50 or more miles round trip calculated from the courthouse will be paid:
50-74 miles \$25.00 75-99 miles \$37.50 100+ miles \$50

Reimbursement

- If there are adequate funds identified in an existing court file, you must submit your bill to the conservator or guardian of the estate.
Depending on the circumstances, the County may seek reimbursement of fees from a party.

Forms

- 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)