

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.

Court Appointed Attorney or Guardian ad litem	-Adult or Minor Guardianships -Adult or Minor Conservatorships with no funds -Decedent Estates with no funds	\$182 per case \$182 per case \$182 per case
Court Appointed Attorney	Developmentally Disabled Individual	\$200 per case
Court Appointed Attorney	Guardianship Review	\$100 per case

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:

Patient Deferred	\$50 per case
Deferral and 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 court house 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)