

# Fee Schedule for Legal Representation and GALs in Juvenile and Family Matters

**Flat Rate:** Parent/Legal Guardian: \$500.00 per appointment

Children	One Child:	\$500.00
	Two Children:	\$950.00
	Three Children:	\$1,350.00
	Four or More Children:	\$1,700.00

**Hourly Rate:** All Cases (siblings billed together) \$40.00/hour

Pre-Approved paralegal, Paid Legal Intern or Social Worker (only applies to Hourly Rate contract) \$15.00/hour

**Excess Hours, Panel In and Out of Court Time:** \$40.00 per hour

**Non Contract Attorneys in Juvenile Cases** \$25.00/hour

**Standby:** \$150.00/day

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**Family Matters Contracts for Contempt & Paternity** (including GAL appointment for an Incompetent respondent): \$250.00 per appointment /per fiscal year

**Family Matters AMC/GAL for Children:** \$40.00/hour (max of 2 hours wait time in court per day)

**Family Matters Pre-Contract Contempt:** \$40.00/hour (max of 2 hours wait time in court per day)

**Non contract attorneys for Contempt & Paternity:** \$30.00/hour (max of 2 hours wait time in court per day)

**Standby for Requesting Courts:** \$150.00/day

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State Rates for Juvenile Matters & Family Matters Pursuant to C.G.S. Sections 46b-62 & 46b-136: \$40.00/hour

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## **Some Specific Examples of Nonstandard Billing:**

Attorney represents child or youth on FSWN and Delinquency which equals two separate appointments and may be billed as 2 cases. If another FSWN petition or delinquency charge comes in while the pending case remains open, no additional fee will be paid to flat rate attorneys

When parents' attorneys are re-appointed to represent them on a motion to reinstate guardianship they should treat it as a continuation of the original appointment on the underlying neglect and bill it to us as an excess hours case at \$40.00/hr.

When a motion to reinstate guardianship is filed by a parent client or a transfer of guardianship is filed against the guardian who was appointed upon disposition of the prior neglect petition, attorneys for the parent should treat the representation as a continuation of the original appointment. If you have a flat rate contract and have not already done so, after submitting the Initial 30 hours form, you may bill for excess hours for work performed in relation to the reinstatement or transfer.

Representation of a client both as a youth and as a parent is one appointment presuming both cases are being heard together. If the court decides to conduct two separate proceedings, one in relation to the petition on behalf of the youth and the other in relation to the petition in which the youth is the respondent, then the youth should probably have two separate attorneys. If the attorney feels comfortable representing the youth in both proceedings, then they can be treated as two separate cases for billing purposes

If an attorney with a flat rate contract is appointed in Juvenile Court to represent a child on a transfer from Probate and the DCF files a neglect petition and the attorney is appointed for the neglect, that appointment is considered a new appointment and the attorney may bill CCPA for a new case. Ongoing representation should be considered one case at that point for purposes of tracking the Initial 30 hours. Hours worked prior to the filing of the neglect petition may not be counted towards the 30 hours.

If a new attorney is appointed on a TPR and the prior attorney withdraws on the neglect and the new attorney provides representation for matters related to the underlying neglect case, then work performed on the neglect and the TPR can be tracked together for purposes of reaching the Initial 30 hours on the TPR and the attorney can begin to bill excess hours for work performed on both cases.

When an attorney who previously had two court assignments is appointed to represent their neglect client on a TPR in a court to which they are no longer assigned, if they have not already done so, they should submit the Initial 12.5 Hour Form and bill for Excess hours on the TPR.

Hourly rate attorneys, once the TPR is filed, you may begin to bill all hours on the TPR docket number.