



ATTORNEY FEES

UNCONTESTED FAMILY LAW MATTERS: (Agreed)

- Can get a divorce in 61 days (spouses agrees in everything and will sign docs required)
- WE HANDLE HARRIS & FORT BEND COUNTY for the fixed fee. If another county and prove up by affidavit is not allowed, you add \$250 at the end before scheduling, fees are fixed State Wide
- **ASK FOR \$999.00 IN ALL CASES WITH BALANCE DUE IN 45 DAYS**
- **WHEN ASKED QUOTE FROM BELOW**

Fixed Fees - \$999

1. No Children & Up to 3 Property Transfers
2. Name Change for Adult
3. Name Change for Minor
4. Agreed Modification to Parent-Child Relationship
5. Prenuptial/Postnuptial Agreement (No Children)

Family Law Services - \$1999

6. With Children & Up to 3 Property Transfers
7. Prenuptial/Postnuptial Agreement (With Children)
8. Original Suit to Establish Parent-Child Relationship
9. Original Petition Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship
10. Agreed Adoption

FIXED FEE includes filing fee, one certified copy, and notice to employer on wage order for child support, all attorney and paralegal time, all copies, postage, in-person notary services. All other costs are paid by the client. If children are involved, the fixed fee does not include a request for no child support, and deviation from the Texas Standard Possession Order. The fixed fee contemplates Texas presumptions as to Child Support, Conservatorship, and Possession and Access to Children. Should you wish to deviate from the presumptions, our firm will require you to attend mediation to put your agreement in a mediated settlement agreement. A mediated settlement agreement must be entered by a Texas Judge unless there is family violence. A Texas judge may decline to sign your final agreement if you have substantial deviations from Texas Standard Presumptions as to Child Support, Conservatorship, or Possession and Access and do not have a mediated settlement agreement.

Flat Fee Costs (Additional Items)

1. Qualified Domestic Relations Order - **\$600.00** – IF YOU ARE DIVIDING AN INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT NO QDRO IS NEEDED
2. Mediation if client deviates from the presumption as to Joint Conservatorship, Standard Possession Order or Child Support Guidelines - **\$300.00 for 1 Hour**, fee includes custom provisions to final order and mediator’s fee for both sides only when the mediator charges \$75 a party. If they pay mediator direct, our fee is \$150 for one hour mediation.
3. Property Transfers over 3 - **\$100.00/Transfer**. Fee does not include Apostilles
4. Apostilles - **\$200.00 per document, include postage, and filing fee 5 to 7 day turn around, we do Texas only**
Apostilles as fixed Federal or other states is retainer of \$750 and we bill hourly.

5. Children born during marriage but not of the marriage - **\$500.00** for each biological parent not the spouse whose parentage must be addressed.
6. For cases uncontested matters outside of Harris and Fort Bend County - **\$250.00** fixed fee for all 10 fixed fee services when filing a case. Nuptials are fixed statewide at no extra costs.
7. Remote Notary - **\$20.00**

SERVICE: If spouse refuses to sign the waiver, then advise clients it's an **additional \$1,000 for service in Texas, \$1,500 out of state, at a minimum of \$2,000 for foreign country (ask an atty)**. If no answer is filed, then no more fees and client gets a default judgement. If the case becomes contested, then the attorney will review with the client for fees.

DEFAULT DIVORCE (Client wants Spouse to be served) Harris and Fort Bend Only

- \$5,000 retainer with \$2,500 down and payment plan for remainder.
- Outside of Harris and Fort Bend \$7,500 with \$3,750 down

CONTESTED DIVORCE (Client has been served)

- Contested case with children, custody and property (includes temporary orders) \$5,000 retainer subject to upward revision (ask an attorney). \$2,500 down & payment plan for remainder.
- Outside of Harris and Fort Bend County \$7,500 with \$3,750 down

Petition to Enter Qualified Domestic Relations Order (Use hourly contract)

- \$3,000 per case retainer we will hourly, all Texas counties same price.

DIVORCE BY PUBLICATION (Can't Find Spouse) - This divorce takes up to a year all hourly, State Wide

WITHOUT Children: Last known address of spouse here in SAME COUNTY where the clients lives	\$3,000	\$1,750.00 down to file, then \$1,750.00 to Complete the Divorce.
WITHOUT Children: If spouse was last in ANOTHER COUNTY.	\$3,000	\$1,750.00 down to file, then \$1,750.00 to Complete the Divorce.
WITH Children/Property (house, car under both HUSBAND & the WIFE'S name.	\$4,000 Retainer	\$2,000 down to file, then \$2,000 to Complete the Divorce. (Auto Debits)
Plus, Client must pay for Attorney Ad Litem Fee: Approximately \$1,500-\$2,000 (set by the court and not included in retainer)		

CONSULTATION OPTIONS – THREE WAYS TO MEET WITH US

- **In-Office Consultation – NO CHARGE** – Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no charge for the consultation unless you retain the firm; if retained, the consultation time is charged against your retainer.
- **Phone Consultation (30 Minutes) – \$100** – Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Paid before scheduling.
- **Evening Zoom Consultation – \$250** – Monday through Thursday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Also available on weekends. Paid before scheduling. Can't get away from work? Meet with us from home after hours.
- Second 2nd Visit Consultation – \$250 – Paid Before Scheduling or at Time of Visit and weekend Strategy Session
- Second Visit or Weekend Consultation with Managing Attorney – Available Upon Request –Prospective Client Responsible for Both Meals During Consultation
- Third Consultation/ Weekend Strategy Session \$350 -Comprehensive strategy meeting to review case developments, evaluate options, discuss litigation strategy, and prepare for upcoming hearings, mediation, trial, or settlement negotiations. Available by appointment only.

Alternative Practice Area Consultation \$250

*** Prospective clients requesting weekend consultations are responsible for meal expenses during the meeting.

- General Civil Litigation
- Exemption Planning
- Probate
- Creditor Defense
- Asset Protection & Financial Recovery Strategy Meeting
- Real Estate Asset Structuring Consultation

Premium Tier Service- New Client Priority Handling Cases -Minimum Deposit

- Bench Trial – \$10,000 – 30 days Before Trial Due all upfront
- Jury Trial (< 60 Days to Trial) – \$25,000 – 50% Due Up Front
- Appeal Brief – \$5,000 Minimum Retainer – covers all attorney time to brief a trial record of up to two (2) trial days. The \$5,000 minimum applies no matter how short the trial – even a 3-hour trial bills at the \$5,000 minimum.
- Trial Longer Than 2 Days – add \$2,500 per additional trial day of attorney time, paid in advance (Example: a 3-day trial = \$5,000 + \$2,500 = \$7,500 attorney time).
- Additional Appeal Work (oral argument, motion for rehearing, post-submission briefing) – \$2,500 per day – advance payment required.

Court Costs Paid by Client (in addition to attorney time – amounts are averages and are set by the court, not our firm):

- Court Reporter’s Record (the word-for-word record of what was said at trial) – averages \$1,500 per trial day. The court reporter quotes and bills the final amount; client is responsible for any balance above the average.
- Clerk’s Record (the district clerk’s certified file of all pleadings, orders, and the judgment) – averages \$500. Both records are required for the appeal.
- Appellate Filing Fee – averages \$205.

YOUR ESTIMATED TOTAL TO START AN APPEAL – BY LENGTH OF TRIAL

Length of Your Trial	Attorney Time	Court Costs (Avg.)*	Estimated Total
Up to 2 days (even a 3-hour trial)	\$5,000 minimum	\$2,205 – \$3,705	\$7,205 – \$8,705
3-day trial	\$7,500	\$5,205	\$12,705
4-day trial	\$10,000	\$6,705	\$16,705
5-day trial	\$12,500	\$8,205	\$20,705

**Court costs estimated at \$1,500/trial day for the reporter’s record + \$500 clerk’s record + \$205 filing fee. The court reporter and district clerk set the final amounts; client pays any balance due. Additional appeal work beyond the brief is billed at \$2,500 per day, in advance.*

DEADLINE ALERT: In most Texas cases, the notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days after the judge signs the final order. Miss the deadline and the appeal is usually lost forever – call before your clock runs out.

Work performed during regular business hours will consume the retainer more quickly. Weekend strategy sessions are available and may be scheduled for case brainstorming, evidence review, and witness or case preparation.

HOURLY RATES

- \$510.00 per hour for Michael G. Busby, Jr. – Attorney
- \$450.00 per hour for Andrew Iwata – Attorney
- \$450.00 per hour for Elsa Soto – Attorney
- \$270.00-\$175.00 per hour for paralegals
- \$150.00 per hour for law clerks
- \$140.00 per hour for legal assistants & office clerks