

**814.615 Fees for mediation and studies.**

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(a) Except as provided under sub. (2), for family court services provided under s. 767.405 a county shall collect the following fees:

1. For the first mediation session conducted upon referral under s. 767.405 (5), no fee.
2. For all mediation provided after the first session mediation described under subd. 1., a single fee of \$200, regardless of the number of mediation sessions held.
3. For a study under s. 767.405 (14), a fee of \$300.

(b) The county shall determine when and how to collect the fees under par. (a). Subject to sub. (3), the county shall reduce the fees in accordance with the parties' ability to pay or provide the services without payment of the fees if both parties are unable to pay.

(2) In lieu of the fee under sub. (1)(a) 2. or 3., a county may establish a fee schedule to recover its reasonable costs of providing family court services under s. 767.405. A fee schedule established under this subsection may apply in lieu of the fee under sub. (1)(a) 2. or 3. or both, and shall require no fee for the first mediation session conducted upon referral under s. 767.405 (5); provide for payment for any other services based on the parties' ability to pay; and take into account the fees the county collects under s. 814.61 (1)(b) and (7)(b). Fees shall be based on services actually provided. The county may not collect a single fee applicable without regard to the number of sessions or services provided. Subject to sub. (3), the county shall provide family court services to the parties even if both parties are unable to pay.

(3) The court or a circuit court commissioner shall direct either or both parties to pay any applicable fee under this section. If either or both parties are unable to pay, the court shall grant a separate judgment for the amount of the fees in favor of the county and against the party or parties responsible for the fees.

(4) The county treasurer shall deposit fees collected under this section in a separate account for the exclusive purpose of providing mediation services and studies under s. 767.405.

**History:** 1987 a. 355; 1991 a. 269; 2001 a. 61; 2005 a. 443 ss. 264, 265.

**NOTE:** 1987 Wis. Act 355 contains explanatory notes.

## Fees for Mediation and Custody Study

1. For a mediation referred under Wis. Stat. 767.405(5):
  - a. For the first mediation session conducted upon a referral, no fee shall be charged.
  - b. For all mediation provided after the first mediation session, a single fee of \$150 assessed to each parent, regardless of the number of mediation sessions held.
2. For a custody study referred under Wis. Stat. 767.405(14):
  - a. An initial retainer fee of \$525 assessed to each parent.
  - b. An hourly billing rate of \$50 per hour to be assessed for all services provided. Unearned portions of the retainer fee will be returned upon completion and submission of the custody study. Amounts in excess of the retainer fee will be billed upon the completion and submission of the custody study.
  - c. Parents shall be assessed the cost to obtain records from third-party, collateral sources when such records are deemed necessary for the completion of the custody study.
3. Parents that incur fees for mediation or custody study services may apply to have the fee waived by returning an application to the office of Family Court Services as follows:
  - a. For mediation services provided pursuant to paragraph 1, within two weeks of the date the mediation file is closed.
  - b. For custody study services provided pursuant to paragraph 2, within 30 days of the court order referring the matter for study.
  - c. A separate waiver application must be submitted for each service.

	<b>2018</b>	
<b>CLIENT (15)</b>	<b>INTERVIEW TIME</b>	<b>DRAFTING TIME</b>
BIRDER	14.5 HOURS	16.5 HOURS
CLOUGH	19.5 HOURS	43.5 HOURS
EWENS	16.5 HOURS	19 HOURS
GRAHAM	12.5 HOURS	25 HOURS
GRIFFIN	18 HOURS	26.5 HOURS
HEIDEMAN	15 HOURS	17 HOURS
HUGHES	22.25 HOURS	26 HOURS
KNAGGS	17.5 HOURS	22.5 HOURS
LLOYD	10 HOURS	34 HOURS
RAYMOND	12.5 HOURS	21 HOURS
ROSENBERG	13.5 HOURS	21 HOURS
RUSCH	12.5 HOURS	20 HOURS
SIMS	18 HOURS	29 HOURS
STAERKEL	17 HOURS	32 HOURS
STAERKEL (UPDATE)	6.5 HOURS	15 HOURS
<b>AVERAGE HOURS SPENT</b>	<b>15 HOURS (15.0)</b>	<b>23 HOURS (23.1)</b>

	<b>2019</b>	
<b>CLIENT (16)</b>	<b>INTERVIEW TIME</b>	<b>DRAFTING TIME</b>
BANCROFT	17 HOURS	34 HOURS
BANJAK	8.5 HOURS	9.5 HOURS
BANJAK (UPDATE)	11.75 HOURS	9.0 HOURS
BOTTENSEK	16.5 HOURS	36 HOURS
BRAUN	11.75 HOURS	21 HOURS
BUSKAGER	19 HOURS	19 HOURS
CLOUGH	15.5 HOURS	18.5 HOURS
DOTY	15 HOURS	27 HOURS
FOSS, D	20.5 HOURS	41 HOURS
HAWKINS	22.5 HOURS	35.5 HOURS
HOOYMAN	14.75 HOURS	27 HOURS
JOHANNES	12.50 HOURS	19 HOURS
MOORE	10.5 HOURS	14 HOURS
POPE	18.5 HOURS	29 HOURS
RIOS	8.5 HOURS	11.5 HOURS
VILLALOBOS	16.25 HOURS	22 HOURS
<b>AVERAGE HOURS SPENT</b>	<b>15 HOURS (14.9)</b>	<b>23 HOURS (23.3)</b>

	<b>2020</b>	
<b>CLIENT</b>	<b>INTERVIEW TIME</b>	<b>DRAFTING TIME</b>
DOMKOWSKI	13 HOURS	17.5 HOURS
HIMES	18.5 HOURS	45 HOURS
HOLM	14 HOURS	23 HOURS
SPRUILL	16 HOURS	27 HOURS
<b>AVERAGE HOURS SPENT</b>	<b>15 HOURS (15.3)</b>	<b>28 HOURS (28.1)</b>

	<b>2021</b>	
<b>CLIENT (17)</b>	<b>INTERVIEW TIME</b>	<b>DRAFTING TIME</b>
BAHR	24 HOURS	28 HOURS
CLOUGH (UPDATE)	9.75 HOURS	14 HOURS
DOMKOWSKI (UPDATE)	7.5 HOURS	12.5 HOURS
DRIER	22 HOURS	40.5 OURS
FETT	24.5 HOURS	28 HOURS
FLYNN	22 HOURS	27.5 HOURS
FOSS-DENT	16.5 HOURS	39 HOURS
FOSS	17 HOURS	26 HOURS
GANT	21.5 HOURS	24 HOURS
KEEHAN	16.5 HOURS	19.5 HOURS
LEIBY	10.75 HOURS	14 HOURS
MURPHY	18 HOURS	33.5 HOURS
STREBE	20.25 HOURS	31 HOURS
WEYERS	19 HOURS	28 HOURS
WILLIAMS	19 HOURS	25.5 HOURS
<b>AVERAGE HOURS SPENT</b>	<b>18 HOURS (17.8)</b>	<b>26 HOURS (26.0)</b>

	<b>2022</b>	
<b>CLIENT (9)</b>	<b>INTERVIEW TIME</b>	<b>DRAFTING TIME</b>
BAIN	19.5 HOURS	23 HOURS
DENSON	25 HOURS	30 HOURS
ECKSTEIN	19 HOURS	32 HOURS
HODGES	19 HOURS	25.5 HOURS
MEYER	18 HOURS	20.5 HOURS
PIPKORN	16.5 HOURS	14.5 HOURS
RAYBURN	19 HOURS	20 HOURS
SULLIVAN	29.5 HOURS	20 HOURS
VANG	20 HOURS	28 HOURS
<b>AVERAGE TIME SPENT</b>	<b>21 HOURS (20.6)</b>	<b>24 HOURS (23.7)</b>

**5-YEAR AVERAGES**

**INTERVIEW TIME: 17 HOURS (16.8)**

**DRAFTING TIME: 25 HOURS (24.8)**

Grade	Current Title	Dept	Minimum	Top of Range A	Control Point Top of Range B	Top of Range C	Top of Range D
24							
	Grade 24 - Hourly		\$28,63	\$30,07	\$31,57	\$35,31	\$39,50
24							
	Grade 24 - Salaried		\$59,557	\$62,535	\$65,660	\$73,462	\$82,189
24	Maintenance & Operations Manager	Airport					
24	Office Supervisor	Child Support					
24	Family Court Services Mediator	Circuit Courts					
24	Chief Deputy Clerk of Courts	Clerk of Courts					
24	Chief Deputy Coroner	Coroner					
24	Diversion Program Coordinator	District Attorney					
24	Office Supervisor	District Attorney					
24	HVAC Specialist	Facilities					
24	Master Electrician	Facilities					
24	Plumber	Facilities					
24	Purchasing Manager	Finance					
24	Office Supervisor	Highway					
24	Highway Maintenance Supervisor	Highway					
24	Traffic Operations Supervisor	Highway					
24	Human Resource Advisor	Human Resources					
24	Risk Manager	Human Resources					
24	Office Supervisor	Human Services - AD					
24	Special Projects Coordinator	Human Services - AD					
24	Case Manager - Lead	Human Services - BH					
24	Psychiatric Nurse	Human Services - BH					
24	Qualified Therapist - In Training	Human Services - BH					
24	Youth CCS Lead Specialist	Human Services - BH					
24	Systems Analyst	Information Systems					
24	Food and Nutrition Services Manager	Park View Health Center					

Grade	Current Title	Dept	Minimum	Top of Range A	Control Point Top of Range B	Top of Range C	Top of Range D
14			\$16.38	\$17.21	\$18.06	\$20.10	\$22.60
14	Tax Letting Specialist	Planning and Zoning					
14	Records Associate	Register of Deeds					
15			\$17.29	\$18.15	\$19.06	\$21.22	\$23.86
15	Administrative Associate II	Circuit Courts					
15	Administrative Associate II	Clerk of Courts					
15	Administrative Associate II	County Clerk					
15	Facilities Specialist	Facilities					
15	Financial Associate I	Highway					
15	Administrative Associate II	Human Services - BH					
15	C.N.A.	Park View Health Center					
15	Restorative Aide	Park View Health Center					
15	Corrections Financial Associate	Sheriff					
15	Financial Associate I	Sheriff					
15	Financial Associate I	Treasurer					
16			\$17.98	\$19.06	\$20.01	\$22.28	\$24.81
16	Financial Associate II	Child Support					
16	Administrative Associate III	Circuit Courts					
16	Administrative Associate III	Clerk of Courts					
16	Financial Associate II	Clerk of Courts					
16	Jury Clerk	Clerk of Courts					
16	Administrative Associate III	Corporation Counsel					
16	Administrative Associate III	County Clerk					
16	Administrative Associate III	District Attorney					
16	Financial Associate II	Finance					
16	Administrative Associate III	Highway					

## Burchardt, Jill

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**From:** Burchardt, Jill  
**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2022 10:14 AM  
**To:** 'Daniel Bissett'; Basiliere, Teresa; Woldt, Scott; Gibbs, Michael; Keberlein, Bryan; Jorgensen, John  
**Cc:** Krueger, Lisa; Berry, Tara  
**Subject:** RE: MEMO TO JUDGES

Thank you all for your consideration and your very quick action! I certainly appreciate your continued support of the Office of Family Court Services.

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I vote to approve motion. Dan

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I second the motion

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I move to raise the Custody Study retainer fee to \$525 and that the hourly billing rate to be raised to \$50 per hour.

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Good Afternoon,

In an effort to streamline the process of requesting a fee increase for custody studies, I'm forwarding to you all just a brief synopsis of what I'm proposing. Normally, I know that this proposal would come in person at a Judge's meeting. However, since the judges meeting was cancelled in December, Tara and I discussed circulating the information to you electronically.

FCS is on the agenda for the 1/9/23 JPS committee meeting to address the fee increase you have already approved for our parent ed course, and we are able to add an agenda item for the study fee increase if it can be submitted prior to 12/22/22.

Tara indicated that you have approved things outside of a formal meeting in the past, and if you are able and willing to consider this proposal and provide electronic approval, we could then pair the fee issues together.

Again, the attached memo is a very brief overview. I can provide the more extensive notes and tables I have that supplement the request. I'm also happy to speak to anyone by phone or in person. This is a bit more involved than the parent ed course fee, so I do completely understand that if you think appearing in person at a judges meeting is a more appropriate avenue. I'd work with Tara then to get on your agenda.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

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