

**DIVORCE/DOMESTIC RELATIONS (Filing Fees, etc. \$120 - \$300)**

Hourly Fees Billed Against Retainer: \$280/hr for attorney, \$100/hr for non-attorney time

Phone Consultations: Free 15 minutes

Office Consultations: \$280/hr

Model Retainer

Simple uncontested divorce without children (agreement on all issues, no negotiations, no answer filed, no settlement agreement, no other attorney)	399.00
Simple uncontested divorce with children (agreement on all issues, no negotiations, no answer filed, includes settlement agreement, no other attorney)	1,500.00
Contested divorce (no minor children)	1,500.00+
Contested divorce (with children)	2,500.00+
Contested divorce (custody at issue)	3,500.00+
Service of Process by Notice by Publication (Plus costs of \$150 - \$350)	add 400.00
Separation/Settlement Agreement Only (agreement on all issues, no negotiations, no answer filed, no settlement agreement, no other attorney, meetings extra)	200.00+
Separation/Settlement Agreement Only without children (contested or with other attorney)	\$1,000.00+
Separation/Settlement Agreement Only with children (contested or with other attorney)	\$2,000.00+
Protection from abuse (ex parte order)	200.00+
Protection from abuse hearing	1,000.00+
Uncontested modification of alimony, custody, support or visitation	1,000.00
Contested modification of alimony, support or visitation	2500.00+
Contested modification of custody	3,000.00+
Contempt of Court, violation of divorce/domestic judgment	1,200.00+
Pre-Marital Agreement	500.00+

**BANKRUPTCY**

Model Fees

Individual or Spouses Chapter 7**, < 15 creditors; (filing fee \$335.00)	1,000.00+
Payment Plans add \$100 per month; 5 months max	1,100.00+
Small Business	\$200.00+
Fifteen or more creditors (per 15)	add 100.00
Reaffirmation or Redemption (each)	add 150.00
Individual or Spouses Chapter 13** (filing fee \$310.00)	4,000.00+
Amendment to Petition (filing fee \$35.00)	0.00+
Dischargeability Litigation	2,000.00+
Abuse Litigation	2,000.00+
Dismissal Litigation	2,000.00+
Re-open Case (filing fee \$260.00)	200.00+

Motion for Relief from Stay	260.00+
Motion to Avoid Lien	260.00+
Conversion from Chapter 13 to Chapter 7 (filing fee \$25)	800.00+

\*\* Federal law requires additional documentation and program participation. There may be extra out-of-pocket expenses for Debtors to pay. These may include: Credit Reports; Tax Transcripts; Credit Counseling that must be completed prior to filing (\$15 minimum); and Debtor Education that must be taken prior to bankruptcy process being completed (\$10 minimum).

CONSUMER	Model Fees
General Power of Attorney	\$200.00
Special Power of Attorney	250.00
Promissory Note (demand)	100.00
Promissory Note (installment)	150.00
Promissory Note (variable rate)	200.00
Preparation of Bill of Sale	100.00
Simple demand letter (online Questionnaire)	200.00
Document Review	100.00+

REAL ESTATE (costs extra)	Model Retainer
Quiet Title (uncontested)	2,000.00+
Partition (uncontested)	2,000.00+
Simple Warranty Deed or Quit Claim Deed	200.00
Simple Mortgage	200.00

LANDLORD/TENANT (costs extra)	Model Fees
Review and advice on Residential Lease	200.00
Preparation of Standard Residential Lease	200.00+
Preparation of Custom Residential Lease	400.00+
Documents/Addendum to Lease	200.00+
Preparation of Commercial Lease	800.00+
Lease with Option to Buy	500.00+
Notice to Quit or Termination	200.00+
Forcible Entry and Detainer (Eviction)	600.00+
Tenant's dispute with Landlord	600.00+

**WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING****Model Fees**

Individual Simple Will Package including Last Will, Georgia Advance Directive & Springing Power of Attorney (non-refundable, i.e. if we find you need more complex planning, this fee will be payment for review of your questionnaire, documents, and communications with you).	\$99.00
Individual Simple Will Package With Simple Trust for Children including Last Will, Georgia Advance Directive & Springing Power of Attorney (non-refundable, i.e. if we find you need more complex planning, this fee will be payment for review of your questionnaire, documents, and communications with you).	250.00
Spouses, Simple Wills Package, Reciprocal including Last Will, Georgia Advance Directive & Springing Power of Attorney (non-refundable, i.e. if we find you need more complex planning, this fee will be payment for review of your questionnaire, documents, and communications with you).	199.00
Spouses, Simple Wills Package, Reciprocal, Trust for Children (including Last Will, Georgia Advance Directive & Springing Power of Attorney non-refundable, i.e. if we find you need more complex planning, this fee will be payment for review of your questionnaire, documents, and communications with you).	350.00
Simple Codicil (amendment)	150.00
Trusts or other complicated provisions	\$250/hr
Simple Intervivos Living Trust	200.00+
Complex Estate Planning Meetings	\$250/hr \$250/hr

**PROBATE COURT PROCEEDINGS (costs extra )****Model Retainer***Adoptions*

Step-parent (uncontested)	\$1,000.00
Notice by Publication (plus costs)	add 200.00
Step-parent (contested)	2,000.00+
Termination of Parental Rights (uncontested)	200.00
Termination of Parental Rights (contested)	1,000.00+
Agency Adoption	1,800.00+
Non-Agency Adoption	2,500.00+
Adult	1,000.00+
Extra Child in same proceeding	add 500.00

*Name Change*

Name Change Adult (hearing extra)	300.00+
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*Guardianships*

Appointment through inventory (uncontested)	1,000.00
Contested hearing	2,000.00+
Defense against petition for guardianship	2,000.00+

## Sample Costs of Litigation

The DiGiulio Law Firm, LLC. recognizes that many factors affect the amount of attorney time expended on different litigation tasks. Among the more obvious factors are case complexity, client expectations, and the working relationship with the opposing counsel or opposing party.

<b>Case Initiation</b>	Conduct client intake; initial fact investigation; legal research; draft complaint/answer, cross-claim, counterclaim or third-party claim; motion to dismiss on procedural grounds; defenses to procedural motions; meet and confer regarding case scheduling and discovery.
<b>Discovery</b>	Draft and file mandatory disclosures; draft/answer interrogatories; respond to requests for production of documents; identify and consult with experts; review expert reports; identify and interview non-expert witnesses; depose opponent's witnesses; prepare for and attend opponent's depositions; resolve electronically stored information issues; review discovery/ case assessment; resolve discovery disputes.
<b>Settlement</b>	Attend mandatory ADR; settlement negotiations; settlement conferences; draft settlement agreement; draft and file motion to dismiss.
<b>Pretrial Motions</b>	Legal research; draft motions <i>in limine</i> ; draft motions for summary judgment; answer opponent's motions; prepare for motion hearings; argue motions.
<b>Trial</b>	Legal research; prepare witnesses and experts; meet with co-counsel (trial team); prepare for voir dire; motion to sequester; prepare opening and closing statements; prepare for direct (and cross) examination; prepare jury instructions; propose findings of fact and conclusions of law; propose orders; conduct trial.
<b>Post-Disposition</b>	Conduct post-disposition settlement negotiations; draft motions for rehearing, JNOV, additur, remittitur, enforce judgment; any appeal activity.

## Sample Hours Expended by Attorneys, Paralegals and Expert Witnesses to Complete Litigation Tasks in simple Civil, Family, and Business Cases\*

Part	Attorney Fees*		
	CVL	FML	BIZ
Case Initiation	2.0	4.0	10.0
Discovery	3.0	6.0	25.0
Settlement	3.0	8.0	10.0
Pre-trial	2.0	6.0	15.0
Trial	3	8.0	65.0
Post-disposition	2.0	3.0	10.0
<b>Subtotal of Time</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>135.0</b>
<b>Hourly Rates</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Billable Costs</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>	<b>\$8,750</b>	<b>\$33,750</b>

Expert Witness*	CVL	FML	BIZ
	Number	1	1
<b>Prevailing Fees</b> x	<b>\$ 2,500</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,500</b>
<b>Billable Costs</b>	<b>\$ 2,500</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

Paralegal Fees*	CVL	FML	BIZ
	Hours	2	10
<b>Hourly Rates</b> x	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Billable Costs</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$2000</b>

\*These figures are for educational purposes only and should not be relied upon in any specific legal matter. Client costs will vary from these examples and variations could be dramatic. Cases could settle early or be dragged on by parties or surprises. Costs may also apply including hiring court reporters, postage, parking, court fees, private investigators, data services, contractors etc.