

Family Court Services

FEE ANNOUNCEMENT

What are the fees?

Family Court Services bills for its services at a rate of \$160.00 per hour for Emergency Screenings and for testimony provided by members of its staff in Court hearings. Mediation is free.

Who pays?

Fees are generally shared equally by the parties unless the Judge decides otherwise.

What does it cost to subpoena Family Court Services?

\$275.00 per day deposit for an appearance subpoena paid by the requesting party per California Government Code §68097.2. The total cost for testimony will be calculated at \$160.00 per hour per Government Code §68097.1.

\$15 fee for a subpoena for records per California Evidence Code §1563(b)(6)

If the total services do not cost as much as your deposit, you will be refunded the unused portion of the deposit.

What if I cannot afford to pay the fees?

If you cannot afford the Evaluation fees you may, per Family Code §3112, submit fee waiver forms: *FW-001*, *FW-002*, and *FW-003*. You must submit all three forms for the Court to decide if you qualify. These forms may be found on the Superior Court website: scscourt.org under Family Division – Family Court Services – Fees.

The due date for submitting the fee waiver packet for an Emergency Screening is within 24 hours of the conclusion of the Emergency Screening.

Family Court Services staff will enter the final amount owed onto the fee waiver forms and forward the three documents to the appropriate department for consideration.

If necessary, a fee waiver packet may also be submitted with the Civil Subpoena for Family Court Services staff testimony or production of records.

Submit the completed Fee Waiver Packet, Forms *FW-001*, *FW-002*, and *FW-003* directly to Family Court Services, or mail to Family Court Services, 191 North First St., San Jose, CA 95113.

If you have any questions please call 408-534-5760.