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SOCIAL INVESTIGATION

Once appointed by the Court, you will be contacted to schedule your initial interview. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, each parent is responsible for one-half the fee. Interviews must begin within two weeks of court appointment.

\$4,000 FEE* INCLUDES:

- Interview w/each parent + follow-ups at investigator's discretion
- Interviews with up to 2 collateral people per parent.
- Home visit with each parent.
- Interviews with each child at issue (during home visits).
→ and any stepparents/children or others who reside in both parents' homes.
- Up to two hours of document review per parent (such as additional collaterals' statements, school records, e-mails, communications, etc.).
- A written report containing a summary of the investigation and an analysis of the statutory factors.
- A proposed parenting plan, if applicable.

A mental health evaluation by a trusted, local mental health provider can be added on for an additional flat fee.

*Fee is due on or before the initial interview. A delay in payment will cause a delay in completion of the investigation. If travel is necessary (outside of Fourth Judicial Circuit), travel costs will be paid by the parent living out of town unless otherwise ordered by the Court. If travel greater than 100 miles is required, there will be an additional investigation fee (plus travel costs), depending on the distance. Venmo, CashApp, Apple Pay, Zelle, check, cash, and credit** accepted (I try to avoid PayPal). Make checks out to: "Stacey Myers, Esq.". The investigation will not be completed until the fee is paid in full.

FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Depositions
- Court appearances

Additional interviews or other work may be requested by either party and is billed to the party requesting the additional work at a rate of \$250/hour (copies of file will be charged per page + fee for staff based on time spent copying). Depositions and court appearances (and preparation for same, including travel time) are billed to the party requiring the appearance at a rate of \$300/hr. A minimum of one hour will be charged unless notice of cancellation of a deposition or court appearance is given at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled appearance or appointment. A retainer is required in advance of the appearance.

** a service charge will apply if I process your credit card through Square. You may use your credit card through ApplePay, CashApp, or Venmo to avoid these charges.