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Terms & Conditions for preparation of Medico-Legal Reports

Instruction:

The following documents are requested prior to examination, for preparation of a report:

Full letter of instruction

A copy of General practitioner's medical records

A copy of the hospital notes

Copies of imaging, X-rays, MRI, and CT scans with the related radiologist reports.

Copies of witness statements and any other relevant documents.

Time frame:

I aim to see the client for the assessment within 2 weeks of receipt of a letter of instruction along with all necessary paperwork.

The report should be ready within a week of assessment.

I can see clients and prepare the report on a more urgent basis if necessary.

The solicitors' firm instructing me shall be liable for my fee, whether or not recovery from the client or other sources is achieved.

In a Legal Aid case, the instructor shall obtain prior approval of the Medical Witness' charges from the Legal Aid Board.

I do not work on "no win, no fee basis" as this may prejudice my independent status.

I expect payment within 180 days of invoice date and reserve the right to charge interest on overdue accounts at my discretion.

Charges and expenses:

Usual fee for a personal injury report: £350

(The charges may depend on complexity and the length of the report.)

For medical negligence reports I charge at the rate of £150 per hour.

I am prepared to amend my report without charge but a significant revision will attract a supplementary fee.

An hourly rate of £150 will apply to all other work other than preparation of the report. For questions raised this will vary usually between £50 and £150.

For Court appearances: £175 per hour. I expect payment even if I do not give oral evidence.

Travel: by first class rail travel or car travel at 50p per mile.

Accommodation: four star hotels as a minimum standard.

If the client fails to attend an appointment without prior notification, there may be a charge of £50.