



# COURT STIPULATION

## Deirdre Haynes Counseling Services Court Policy

Please be advised that the therapists, therapist interns and staff of Deirdre Haynes Counseling Services do not participate in person, by phone or in writing in any court related matter that the client of Deirdre Haynes Counseling Services may be a party to or become a party to in any way. The therapists and interns of Deirdre Haynes Counseling Services do not write letters regarding their client's treatment to any entity, including court. The therapists and interns of Deirdre Haynes Counseling Services at no time will offer an opinion or recommendation in any court matter, especially as it relates to custody.

If a court order is served and is requesting that a therapist or therapist intern of Deirdre Haynes Counseling Services be present in person and or there is a request for records, the client's consent will be requested before turning over confidential information. When obtaining this consent, the client will be told exactly what has been requested by court and there is no guarantee that the information will be kept confidential. This includes a client's mental health history; current status and inclusive records and may not be in the best interest of the client. The therapist

client relationship does not render the therapist as an advocate. The therapist will withhold any opportunity to engage in a dual relationship with the client.

#### Court Policy & Fee's

Please be advised that should a therapist or intern from Deirdre Haynes Counseling Services be ordered by court to write a letter to the court, the time shall be billed at \$200 per hour.

Please be advised that should a therapist or intern from Deirdre Haynes Counseling Services be court ordered to appear in court, the fee stipulation is as follows:

- \$2,000 per day plus \$200 per hour for travel to and from the court.
- \$200 per hour for preparation

All therapist's and interns of Deirdre Haynes Counseling Services will **NOT** be ON-CALL at any time. Should a case be trailed, or continued, the therapist will be paid in full for each day as well as an additional \$1,000 per day as it hinders the therapist's or intern's ability to be available to their other clients.

All court fees must be received by cashier's check 7 days prior to the court date. Should the court, calendar the hearing for another date, the therapist or intern must be re-issued a new subpoena with the new court hearing date.

Should the therapists or interns be on vacation, the party initiating the court order must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena.

By signing and dating below, you understand and agree to the above stated court policy and stipulation, including but not limited to the fee structure for all related court matters.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_