

**January 1, 2019**

## **Fee Schedule**

### ***\$650.00 per hour***

This charge is applied to all professional services rendered. Laboratory fees and other direct professional services such as trial or depositions will be billed separately (see below). An early client-requested deadline (less than one week or over a holiday) requires an additional 50% of the hourly rate.

### ***\$6,500.00 per day***

This charge is applied to testimonial proceedings (trial, deposition and arbitration). Full day is defined as testimony given on one calendar day. Generally, appointments outside of Sanibel, Florida, or Skaneateles, New York, will require one full day fee regardless of "hours on the record" due to scheduling and interruption of normal duties. Local appearances (Sanibel, Florida, or Skaneateles, New York) may be charged a reduced rate of \$3,250 per ½ day (4 hours or less of Dr. Sawyer's presence). Unless a ½ day agreement is specifically stipulated on the Notice of Deposition, a full day fee of \$6,500 will be charged.

Brief telephonic depositions from Dr. Sawyer's office may be scheduled in instances where the opposing attorney requests such; however, the hiring attorney and the court reporter are welcome to attend in person. Telephonic depositions are charged at \$800 per hour and must be paid at least ten days in advance. Depositions will not proceed on a billing basis; thus, the number of hours required for the deposition should be carefully considered to avoid rescheduling for additional hours beyond what is originally requested.

Deposition fees are the responsibility of the retaining firm and are not generally accepted from opposing counsel as *TCAS, LLC*, does not have authority or legal staff to demand payment from opposing counsel. It is the responsibility of the retaining firm to make arrangements for reimbursement from opposing counsel for deposition fees. Pre-payment for travel and lodging may be required for certain locations. Dependent upon location, complete travel arrangements must be provided in advance via business-class air (permits changes in schedule, coach class). Travel time will be charged at 75% of the hourly rate.

Payments, including all outstanding invoices, must be made 10 days in advance of scheduling to reserve an appointment. Availability cannot be confirmed prior to receipt of the above noted fees. If date of testimony or deposition is changed with reasonable notice (5 business days), a mutually convenient appointment can be negotiated at no additional charge. Refunds for a cancelled deposition will be made if notification is received at least 5 business days prior to the scheduled deposition date. Refunds of any unused retainer monies will be made if a case settles before an expert toxicological opinion is provided.

***Billing***

A reasonable retainer is required on all cases. The amount will be decided upon at the time you are provided a cost estimate for professional services. Any delinquent accounts post 30 days will be subjected to appropriate interest with loss of future net 30 day terms and will require an active retainer.

***No Charge***

There is no charge for initial phone consultations under 0.25 hours. If there is a question about a potential case or if you need an answer to a toxicological or analytical issue, please do not hesitate to call. TCAS would be pleased to refer any questions pertaining to issues of engineering, medicine or pathology to the appropriate experts.