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### **Consultation and Expert Witness Fee Schedule**

Consultation will be billed based upon a rate of \$200 per hour for time during discussions, whether conducted by email, telephone or in-person. No time will be billed for introductory communications prior to an offer and acceptance to serve as a consulting expert. Professionals who request consultation services should expect billing for preparation time that will usually include reviewing prior messages and documents provided for review to prepare for that discussion. Usually consultation not related to testimony will not require legal research or a report. Therefore, no fee will be billed for time researching regarding the applicable law, or for preparation of a report, without prior agreement based upon an estimate of the research.

Services as a consulting expert that is related to potential testimony as a real property title expert, including affidavits and depositions, will be billed based upon the same rate of \$200 per hour. Professionals who request consulting expert witness services should expect that significant time will be required for thorough review of documents and pleadings that are provided for review to be the basis of a confidential report of conclusions and/or subsequent testimony. Usually testimony as a real property title expert will require minimal research regarding statutes and regulations provided with citations in the report. However, case law research will be expected to be provided by the professional requesting assistance. The professional and Mr. Bickel will agree upon the extent of document review, the extent of any research to be done, the extent of any reports to be provided, and will be expected to agree in advance upon an estimated consultation fee.

Mr. Bickel does not perform actual searches of real property records, so no time will be billed for title research. The professional will be expected to obtain documents from a title company and to pay the fees required for that title research. Upon request, Mr. Bickel is able to coordinate with the title personnel for efficient use of their time and expense.

Time for live testimony, whether at a deposition or an appearance during court proceedings, will be billed based upon an hourly rate of \$280 per hour. However, time that is wasted, such as awaiting the testimony start time, will be billed based upon a rate of \$100 per hour.

Automobile travel time and expenses will not be billed if less than two hours. Expenses for travel requested by the professional, other than automobile, such as airfare, accommodations, meals, parking, ground transportation and other incidental expenses will be billed at actual cost. Ordinary administrative or office expenses, such as materials, telephone, copying, faxing, and postage will not be billed without prior agreement.