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## **FEES FOR ELDER LAW, MEDICAID PLANNING AND PROBATE**

### **Do you charge for the first meeting at Thompson, Thompson & Glanville?**

Yes. I bill my usual hourly rate for elder law, Medicaid planning and probate consultations.

### **How much will the legal work cost me?**

At the initial consultation, I will discuss your situation and go over your options, you can then choose the best course of action for you. I will then provide you with a fee agreement describing my services and the fee that will be charged. This will either be a one-time "flat fee" for all of the legal work, or an hourly fee. The key here is "no surprises." We do not charge for incidentals, i.e. local postage, photocopying or telephone expenses. However, we will charge for extensive photocopying services, large mailings, mileage or other extra expenses.

### **What types of work are invoiced through flat fees and hourly fees?**

For most elder law, probate and Medicaid matters I charge an up-front **retainer** against which I **bill hourly** for the legal work. The amount of the retainer depends upon how complicated I think the case will be. Most probate cases cost about \$1,500 in legal fees, and most Medicaid cases cost a little more. For many elder law planning matters (wills, powers of attorney, trusts, deeds etc) I charge a one-time up front **flat fee**. This work normally has a clear beginning and ending point, and I can estimate the amount of time it will take to complete the work. This works well as many clients prefer knowing in advance how much they will be billed. This allows our clients to schedule as many appointments as may be necessary to complete the work to their satisfaction without being concerned about fees accruing.

### **What are your hourly fees?**

Each staff member involved in a given matter keeps track of his or her time which is billed at a predetermined rate. Here are our rates:

Tracy M. Thompson, Attorney/Managing Partner	\$250.00/hour
Ryan T. Glanville, Attorney/Partner	\$225.00/hour
Laura H. Thompson, Attorney/Partner	\$210.00/hour
Deborah K. Sherman, Paralegal	\$110.00/hour