

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

**APPROVED COURT SERVICE VENDOR RATE & FEE SCHEDULE**

(For, Non-Employee, Professional and Specialized Personal Services TO the Courts)  
(Updated to **March, 2003**)

<u>SERVICE CATEGORY</u>	<u>AUTHORITY; REFS.<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>FEE/RATE &amp; BASIS<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Eff. Date; REMARKS</u>
<b>ADR / JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE:</b>			
Judges, (Ret.) Assigned (Judicial Council)	GC 68540, et seq	92% Active Judge Comp. + exps.	Statutes 1993, 1994
Judges, Pro Tempore (Temporary)	Const. Art VI, Sec 21; CRC 244, 880	Pro Bono (No Compensation)	Statutes 1995
Judicial Arbitrators	CCP 1141.18 (b)	>of \$150.per case or per day	Statutes 1981
Civil Mediators	CCP 1775, et seq	>of \$150.per case or per day	
<b>Hearing Officers, Mental Health:</b>			
Certification Review	W&I 5256.1	\$ 1000. per mo., Flat Rate	2000, Ltr. Agmt.
Medic./Treatmt. Capacity	W&I 5334	\$ 300. per mo., Standby Fee; + \$ 150. per hearing sched. & heard, \$ 40. sched. & canc. with notice, \$ 80. sched. & canc. w/o notice.	"
<b>INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES:</b>			
Attorneys - Public Defender Conflicts	PC 987.2(b)	Flat Rate Contract	07-01-94 (2) Contracts,
Attorneys - Dependent Child Services		Flat Rate Contract	North & South County
Attorneys - Minor Child Repr., Other	FL 3150	\$ 100. per hour < \$500	2003
Investigators	PC 987.2	(Services under Attorney Contracts)	
Legal Runners	"	"	
<b>ECONOMIC EXPERTS:</b>			
Appraisers - Business, Prof. Practice	Evid. Code 730, et seq	Judicial Determination, by	(No Scheduled Fee)
Appraisers - Collectibles		Court order <u>before</u> service	
Appraisers - Real Estate		"	
Appraisers - Other		"	
Receivers / Property Managers		"	
<b>JURORS:</b>			
Grand Jurors	SB Co. Ord. # 4431	\$ 25.00/mtg.+ Co. empl. mlg. rate	10-16-01
Trial Jurors	CCP 215	\$ 15.00/day +.34/mile, one-way	Statutes 2000 (No Co
Ord)		(Commencing on second day.)	
<b>LANGUAGE INTERPRETING:</b>			
Interpreters - Spanish (all dialects)	CRC 984 et seq	\$ 265. per day/ \$ 147. half-day <sup>12</sup>	Judicial Council 7-01-01
Interpreters - Sign Language	"	" "	"
Interpreters - "Exotic" Languages/Dialects	"	" "	"
Non-Certified Interpreters	"	\$200. per day/ \$105. half-day <sup>12</sup>	"
Translators - Spanish Documents		Judicial Determination, by	(No Scheduled Fee)
Translators - Other & "Exotic" Language		Court order <u>before</u> service	"
<b>MEDICAL / PSYCH. DIAGNOSTICS:</b>			
Criminal - Narcotics Addiction	W&I 3050, et seq	Up to \$425 per exam and report	04-02-03
Criminal - Competence to Stand Trial	PC 1368	Up to \$425 per exam and report	04-02-03
Criminal - Sex Offender w/ Child	PC 288.1, 1203.66(C)	Up to \$425 per exam and report	04-02-03
Criminal - Sanity, Others	PC 1026, EC 730	Up to \$425 per exam and report	04-02-03
Juvenile	W&I 741	Up to \$425 per exam and report	04-02-03
All Other		Up to \$425 per exam and report	04-02-03

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**VERBATIM REPORTING SERVICES:**

Verbatim Reporter	GC 68086	\$ 405./ day; \$ 203./ half-day <sup>12</sup>	01-01-03
Verbatim Recording Monitor - Video		No rate established	
Verbatim Recording Monitor - Audio		“	
Transcriber / Notereader		“	
Verbatim Transcripts (* Folio = 100 words) (Folios per Page: Crim/Juv.= 2.8, Civil = 3.0)	GC 69950, 69951	Original @ .85 per Folio* Copies @ .15 per Folio* (+50% for Daily Copy Service)	Statutes 1990

**WITNESSES (Percipient and Expert):**

Expert Witness - Medical, Psych. <sup>11,14</sup>	EC 730, GC 68092.5	<1 Hr. \$ 100./ > 1 Hr. 75. per Hr.	07-01-85
Expert Witness - Economic/Other <sup>11,14</sup>	“ “	Judicial Determination each case.	Statutes,1990
Percipient Witness - Criminal/Juvenile	GC 204, PC 1329 (b)	\$ 18. per day IF income loss <sup>13</sup>	Statutes, 1973
Percipient Witness - before Grand Jury	GC 68094	\$ 12. per day + .20 / Mi. One-way	Statutes 1970
Percipient Witness - Civil <sup>11</sup>	GC 204, GC 68093	\$ 35. per day	Statutes 1981
Percipient Witness - Civil <sup>11</sup> , Public Empl.	GC 68096.1	“Normal salary or compensation”	Statutes 1993
Percipient Witness - Civil <sup>11</sup> , Peace Ofcr/ Fire	GC 68096.1, 68097.2, 68097.3, 68097.4	“ (plus special provisions)	Statutes 1993

**OTHER SERVICES:**

Juvenile Justice Commissioners	W&I 231, 233, Bd. Ord.	< of \$ 25. mtg., \$ 50. mo.	Statutes 1976
Parent Education Program Providers	Rule 646.2 SB Divs.Only	\$ 50. per party attending	1997

**GENERAL INFORMATION & NOTES**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE NEEDS:** Parties and Counsel are required to provide at least forty-eight (48) hours notice (to the Courts' Calendar Management unit) of any need for Interpreting, special Verbatim Reporting or any other Court service that is not routinely provided in all Court departments in all cases, in order to assure that these services may be arranged by the Court on a timely basis.

**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS:** All service vendors paid under the fee and rate arrangements referenced in this Schedule, are considered by the Santa Barbara County Trial Courts to be qualified Independent Contractors, rather than employees of the Courts. \_

**RATES & FEES; “PRO BONO” CONTRIBUTION TO JUSTICE:** Any rates and fees for professional and specialized personal services to the Trial Courts, except for such rates and fees as may be established by California statute or the (State) California Rules of Court, are hereby established by this Schedule of Rates and Fees. The Santa Barbara County Trial Courts will attempt to periodically compare the fees paid by our Courts to those paid by Courts and other public entities in similar Counties, in order to monitor and update the compensation paid our service providers, to the extent permitted by public budget constraints. It should be recognized, however, that the taxpaying public funds the trial courts, and that Court lack of compensation parity with compensation in the private sector may necessarily be considered to be a service provider's contribution to the administration of justice, in the public interest.

<sup>11</sup> All service fees in CIVIL cases are paid by the parties in the case, rather than by the Courts, unless otherwise specifically provided by California statute, State or local Court Rules, or by a specific Court order in a particular case.

<sup>12</sup> Court Interpreting and Verbatim Reporting services will be compensated on the basis of any combination of service in **either AM or PM** of any day constituting one half-day of service, and any combination of service in **both AM and PM** of any one day constituting one day of service. No compensation exceeding the full day rate will be paid for service provided to the Courts in any one given day.

<sup>13</sup> Percipient (general) witnesses in Criminal or Juvenile cases who testify and / or appear in Court for prosecution and defense agencies, are paid from the County-funded, Court-administered, “**Courts Special Services**” budget. Note: Subsection (b) of PC 1329 provides that witness fees may be limited to percipient witnesses where an employed witness documents an **income loss**.

<sup>14</sup> When the Court appointment of a diagnostician (for an examination and report) or an expert witness (for testimony) in a Criminal or Juvenile case is mandated by statute, or is made on the Court's own motion without motion or request of prosecution or defense, any fees for such service will be paid from the “Court Special Services” budget. When such appointments are made on motion or request of prosecution or defense, or when Expert witnesses are subpoenaed or requested to appear or to be available for appearance by those agencies, the cost of these services should be paid from the budgets of the requesting prosecution or defense agency.