

STOKES FAMILY LAW, PLLC
UNCONTESTED
(Shelby or Tipton County, Tennessee)
DIVORCES/ANNULMENT/LEGAL SEPARATION
IRRECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES FEE AGREEMENT

Client employs STOKES FAMILY LAW, PLLC for all services in connection with a divorce on the grounds of irreconcilable differences (**NO-FAULT DIVORCE**), wherein the marital dissolution agreement, final divorce decree, and if applicable the permanent parenting plan order is executed by both parties, **BEFORE** the filing of the divorce. This type of divorce requires the parties to have an agreement on **ALL** issues and your spouse **MUST SIGN** all documents **BEFORE** the case is filed, your spouse **IS NOT** served, and there is only one (1) attorney involved. If you have children, your spouse must also sign an Agreed Permanent Parenting Plan Order **AND** you both must agree on the child support obligation.

Client agrees to pay the **NON-REFUNDABLE** earned retainer fee of:

- **\$ 999.00 (TIPTON COUNTY DIVORCE ONLY WITH NO MINOR CHILDREN),**
- **\$ 1,199.00 (SHELBY COUNTY DIVORCE ONLY WITH NO MINOR CHILDREN)**
- **\$ 1,399.00 (SHELBY/TIPTON COUNTY DIVORCE WITH MINOR CHILD(REN) AND a previously set Juvenile Court Child Support Order), or**
- **\$ 1,799.00 (SHELBY/TIPTON COUNTY DIVORE WITH MINOR CHILD(REN) WITHOUT a Juvenile Court Child Support Order).**

STOKES FAMILY LAW, PLLC will provide the following services in exchange for the retainer: open client file, conference with an attorney to review and analyze your specific case facts and circumstances, advise you of your rights and remedies, draft or prepare a complaint for divorce, marital dissolution agreement, final decree, and permanent parenting plan order/child support worksheet, if necessary, but there is an additional charge for each revision of original drafts, file of complaint for divorce, marital dissolution agreement, and all other required documents with the court.

If real estate is involved there will be an additional fee added to the retainer in the amount of \$ 100.00 per piece of real property. The preparation of a quit-claim deed shall be billed hourly. It is important to disclose and include on the Divorce Fact Sheet, if YOU or YOUR SPOUSE have purchased real property before or during the marriage (even if the property was acquired before the marriage, through inheritance, or after your separation **EVEN IF** you think you or your spouse has no rights, title or interest in the property **OR** if you think you or your spouse do/does not have any connection with the property) so the attorney can properly explain your rights to you and can properly dispose of whatever interest you or your spouse may have in the real property by transferring, divesting or vesting any legal or equitable interest in or out of you or your spouse.

STOKES FAMILY LAW, PLLC only represents you, our client, and not your spouse. We cannot represent both parties and we cannot give him/her legal advice. If your spouse is going to help you pay your attorney fee or filing fee, all receipts will be made out in your name, not your spouse's name, so there is no misunderstanding regarding who the law firm represents.

Client understands that the entire retainer is non-refundable. Should client later decide to terminate the services of Stokes Family Law, PLLC for any reason, or the spouse refuses to sign the divorce papers, or the client decides not to proceed with the divorce for any reason, the retainer is **NON-REFUNDABLE**. **If your spouse DOES NOT sign the divorce papers and you have to convert your uncontested divorce to a contested divorce, after we have prepared the divorce papers, you will only receive a credit of \$100.00 toward the contested divorce retainer fee.**

With an uncontested divorce, there is no requirement or time limit whereby your spouse must sign the divorce papers and we cannot file the uncontested divorce until your spouse has signed the papers. Therefore, if you are in doubt about whether your spouse is going to cooperate, you should file a contested divorce, which does not require your spouse to sign the papers, but we must be able to serve a copy of the

Complaint for Divorce and Summons on your spouse by personal service through the sheriff or private process server, or alternatively in cases where you do not know your spouse's current whereabouts, BUT have conducted a diligent search, we can serve your spouse through publications in the newspapers. If your spouse is incarcerated in a local jail, we recommend you make arrangements to have the documents signed by your spouse.

FILING FEES: IN ADDITION TO THE ATTORNEY FEES, COURT FILING FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE DIVORCE IS FILED. THE DIVORCE WILL NOT BE FILED UNTIL ALL PAPERWORK IS SIGNED AND PROPERLY NOTARIZED AND ALL FILING FEES AND ATTORNEYS FEES ARE PAID. THE COURT MAY INCREASE OR MODIFY THEIR FEES, AND THE CLIENT WILL BE NOTIFIED.

The initial Court filing fee for Shelby County Uncontested divorce with children starts at \$ 356.50, without children, or \$431.50 with children. *There is a 3.5% charge to E-file your divorce with the Court.* Filing a divorce electronically is the most cost-effective and typically the fastest route. **The Filing Fee for a Tipton County Uncontested Divorce without children is \$222.00 (ONLY DIVORCES WITH NO CHILDREN WILL BE FILED IN TIPTON COUNTY).** This law firm will only file an uncontested divorce with no children in Tipton County, TN, when you or your spouse has been a resident of Tennessee for six (6) months or more, and both parties consent to the divorce being filed and granted in the Tipton County Chancery Court.

Non-E-Filing Fees MUST be paid in a money order payable to the COURT CLERK. For all filing fees paid via MyCase or any other electronic payment method, transaction fees will be assessed.

COURT COSTS & SERVICE FEES: The client is responsible for all court costs. At the end of the divorce proceeding, the court will mail the client a final cost bill. This must be paid promptly to avoid a garnishment.

BANKRUPTCY: IF EITHER YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE IS UNDER A WAGE-EARNER CHAPTER 13, CHAPTER 7, OR 11 BANKRUPTCY, PLEASE LET US KNOW! THIS MAY REQUIRE CERTAIN APPLICATIONS OR MOTIONS BEING FILED WITH THE BANKRUPTCY COURT BEFORE your divorce is completed. All fees associated with this process will be explained to you by the attorney.

MISREPRESENTATIONS: *Client agrees to be truthful and not make misrepresentations to the Court, agents of the Law Firm, including, but not limited to attorneys and staff. It is very important that the Law Firm has accurate facts and information to represent you in your case. If at any point the attorney determines that the Client has been untruthful and said misrepresentation is of a material fact or would cause an ethical conflict and/or affect the Law Firm's representation, the Client consents that the attorney and Law Firm can immediately withdraw from the case upon notice to the Client.*

HOURLY RATE & FEE SCHEDULE:

Client acknowledges that client has reviewed the *Divorce Fee Schedule*, in its entirety, on the last page of this document. Client acknowledges that some services are at a flat rate, some hourly or others may be a combination requiring a deposit for the service or court appearance. All deposits are due at the time of the service, to prepare and begin, and/or before the court date!

The Law Firm may bill for any form of **legal work or communications** (including but not limited to research, memorandums, drafting/editing, phone calls, Zoom and in-person meetings, texts, messages, emails, etc.) at \$300 hourly for Attorney LaQuita Stokes, \$200-275 per hour for Associate Attorneys, \$125-150 per hour for paralegals, and \$90 per hour with the law clerks and legal assistants. ***We will bill for all communications that occur after hours, during holidays, and on weekends.***

*****See Divorce Fee Schedule*****

LAW FIRM SERVICES: Client acknowledges and understands that he/she is a client of Stokes Family Law, PLLC, a law firm owned by Attorney LaQuita R. Stokes, who is licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee. Attorney Stokes is responsible for the coordination, management, and administration of all legal services rendered to the Client by the Law Firm. The Law Firm may employ or contract with other licensed attorneys to provide legal services including representing clients in Court. Client acknowledges that Law Firm will also employ and contract with other professional, para-professional, and non-professional staff to work in conjunction with the attorneys to perform certain tasks and functions that are not required to be performed by an attorney but are necessary for providing services under this agreement.

If you have an urgent matter, you may always text or message us through MyCase ,or schedule a time to speak with your attorney or the paralegal.

NOTARY FEE is \$15.00. FedEx overnight, certified mailing fees, and courier fees will be the actual cost.

If we have to mail documents to your spouse for review and signing, an additional fee will be charged for postage, mailing, and overnight expedited services by FedEx, UPS, or any other courier. When possible, we recommend you have your spouse come to this office to review and sign the papers or you make arrangements to get the papers to your spouse.

OTHER EXPENSES: If and when the Law Firm incurs expenses on Client's behalf (*including, but not limited to, bank records, medical records, court reporter fees, copies, long-distance telephone calls, service fees, certified mailings, filing fees, money order fees, etc.*) the Law Firm will invoice and notify the Client of the charges and their purpose. Client agrees to pay all expenses incurred by the Law Firm on Client's behalf.

Client will receive a bill for these expenses, and they must be paid along with any outstanding attorney fees before the entry of the Final Divorce Decree.

DEBIT & CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS: Law Firm reserves the right to charge an additional convenience fee for payments made by credit or debit card to cover any fees that a third-party processor may charge. Clients shall be forwarded an invoice when the Client's account balance is low or past-due. ***Client shall pay their account balance when due.***

Client shall not dispute charges made pursuant to this agreement and shall contact the Law Firm within forty-eight (48) hours of any questions regarding their invoice, before being charged with the method(s) on file. Should the client fail to pay and the credit card is declined, see ***NEXT SECTION of this agreement on attorney liens, termination of services and interest on account balance.***

FAILURE TO PAY FEES & COLLECTION OF FEES:

Client agrees to pay all costs and expenses necessary for the proper completion of this matter, not to include Stokes Family Law, PLLC's normal office expenses. The client is responsible to the firm for payment of all attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs incurred by the firm, and the attorney and/or Stokes Family Law, PLLC may assert an attorney's lien on any property that is part of the marital estate, client's separate property or property obtained by client through the divorce, to the extent permissible by law. Stokes Family Law, PLLC may employ associate counsel to assist them. Stokes Family Law, PLLC may withdraw, or client may discharge Stokes Family Law, PLLC at any time upon giving reasonable notice. Client understands that Stokes Family Law, PLLC is always entitled to a reasonable fee for their services. **On any unpaid or past-due balance, Client shall pay interest at the rate of 1% per month, but not to exceed 10% per annum,** plus a reasonable attorney fee, expenses, and court costs. Law Firm may pursue collection activities including, but not limited to garnishment of wages and execution of liens on any real or personal property. Client acknowledges and consents to the attorneys filing

an attorney's lien for any fees due to said attorneys and law firm. The laws of the State of Tennessee shall govern this agreement.

FINAL HEARING FEE: When it is time for the divorce to be granted, there is also a \$ **595.00** fee for **uncontested divorces in Shelby County, as attendance may be required at the final hearing before the Judge. You must attend the final hearing.** If attendance at a final hearing in Tipton County is required, a deposit will be required and the appearance will be billed hourly. The final hearing appearance fee covers the attorney's attendance at the hearing, entry of the Permanent Parenting Plan Order, Final Decree of Divorce, submission of the court cost bill, demographic data sheet, obtaining attested copies for client, and mailing the court filings with an attested copies of the final documents to the Client's ex-spouse. All services for child support wage garnishment, including the drafting and entering of a child support Wage Assignment Order and Income Withholding Order, shall be billed hourly.

If you **fail to appear** at the final hearing or you do not have all the documents you need by the final hearing, such as your parenting seminar certificate, a witness, DNA test results, child support order from juvenile court, etc. or the Court resets your hearing for any reason, the fee to **reset or continue your case shall be billed hourly.**

You and your spouse MUST attend a parenting seminar if you have minor children. You must submit the certificate to us no later than the day before the Final Hearing. If you do not have your parenting seminar certificate prior to the final hearing, the final hearing will be reset. If you submit your parenting certificate after the final hearing the court will charge an additional **\$27.00 filing fee and the Law Firm will charge an additional \$10.00 convenience fee.** Please be sure to get a list of providers offering the court approved parenting seminar class. Attendance in a parenting seminar is mandatory under Tennessee law.

If there is a **child support order in the Juvenile Court,** we will need a copy of the following documents: your most recent child support order (Called Findings and Recommendations of Magistrate or Order of Magistrate - this is the court order signed by the Magistrate and Judge) and the most recent child support worksheet. Both documents will be in the Juvenile Court file. You should go to Juvenile Court file room with proper identification and ask for a copy of your complete file. If you get the wrong documents, you will have to go back and get the right ones. These documents must be attached to the Permanent Parenting Plan Order when the attorney submits the final hearing documents to the Judge for approval.

If there are no minor children of the marriage, then in most instances there is no final hearing. In the event something happens with your case and your spouse files any responsive pleading and/or the Judge/Chancellor, in any county, requires us to file a motion or have a final hearing, then additional fees shall apply.

RECONCILIATION/DISMISSAL: If you and your spouse reconcile after the papers for your divorce are filed, the attorney may enter a Reconciliation Order that will allow the divorce to stay on hold for up to 6 months (to avoid having to start all over with attorney fees and filing fees) while the parties attempt to work on the marriage. If you decide to dismiss your divorce for any reason after it is filed, there is a fee to prepare the documents for reconciliation and/or case dismissal.

INDEMNIFICATION & WAIVER OF LIABILITY: CAREFULLY REVIEW YOUR PLEADINGS/DOCUMENTS FOR ACCURACY. CLIENT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT, UNLESS PROVIDED FOR IN THE MARITAL DISSOLUTION AGREEMENT, THE CLIENT FOREVER WAIVES ALL CLAIMS AGAINST SPOUSE'S INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS SUCH INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PENSION/RETIREMENT, 401k, DEFERRED COMPENSATION, PROFIT SHARING PLAN(S), THRIFT SAVING PLAN, AND AGAINST THE SPOUSE FOR ALIMONY/SPOUSAL SUPPORT. UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED IN THIS AGREEMENT, CLIENT NOR CLIENT'S SPOUSE HAS ANY CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION OR LAWSUITS FOR PERSONAL INJURY, MALPRACTICE, CLASS ACTIONS, OR OTHER CASES WHEREBY CLIENT

OR CLIENT'S SPOUSE MAY RECEIVE A SETTLEMENT OR JUDGMENT FOR DAMAGES, MEDICAL BILLS, PAIN SUFFERING, ETC.

DISESTABLISHMENT OF PATERNITY: Client understands that the Husband **MUST** take a DNA legal test if the Wife has given birth to a child, during the marriage that is not the Husband's child, even if the child was conceived or born during a period when the parties were separated. There is a legal presumption, under Tennessee law, that the Husband is the biological father of a child born to his Wife, during the marriage even, if during a separation period. The presumption may be overcome by clear and convincing evidence, in the form of a legal DNA test, taken by the Husband or sometimes the biological father. Said test will exclude the Husband as the biological father. There are various DNA labs in Shelby County that can perform a legal DNA test. It is very important that you disclose the child's information on the Divorce Fact Sheet, so that the attorney may properly advise you and the Judge can enter an order excluding the Husband as the child's biological father. If the child is not mentioned in the divorce papers, you are likely committing fraud; the biological father may not be able to legitimize the child nor ordered to pay child support; and the Husband may be held liable for child support. Generally, Juvenile Court will not just order a DNA test for a child born during a marriage, even if the biological father somehow signed the child's birth certificate when the child was born. That acknowledgment of paternity may be declared void, because the hospital should not have permitted the biological father to sign the birth certificate if the mother was married and the mother disclosed this fact to hospital officials; specifically, that she was married to another man at the time the child was born. If you or your spouse have an active child support case in Juvenile Court that is a Title IV-D case, Maximus may do the DNA test for no up-front fee, if there is a court order. However, there is no guarantee that Maximus will do the DNA test, unless your DNA test is ordered by the Juvenile Court.

IF A CHILD IS BORN DURING THE MARRIAGE, BUT NOT OF THE MARRIAGE, AN ADDITIONAL ATTORNEY FEE OF \$200.00 PER CHILD IS ADDED TO YOUR RETAINER AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE DIVORCE IS FILED. If the child has been properly disestablished through Juvenile Court there is no additional fee.

WAIVER OF SERVICE: Client understands that the waiver of service in the Marital Dissolution Agreement is only good for 180 days from the time the last person (you or your spouse) signs the Marital Dissolution Agreement. This means the divorce must be filed and the final decree signed by the Judge within 180 days of that last date. Therefore, we recommend you pay your filing fee as soon as your spouse signs the papers so your divorce can be filed promptly. If you fail to return the papers timely or pay your filing fee timely once your spouse has signed the Marital Dissolution Agreement, Stokes Family Law, PLLC will not be responsible if your divorce cannot be finalized because the waiver of service has expired or will expire before the 60 day (no children) or 90 day (with children) statutory waiting period for divorces on grounds of irreconcilable differences. **Additional fees shall apply to amend expired divorce papers.**

AMENDMENTS & REVISIONS: Any and all revisions and amendments to uncontested documents after the initial divorce papers review shall be billed hourly including changes to your Answer, Complaint for Divorce, Permanent/Temporary Parenting Plan, Petitions, Marital Dissolution Agreement, and Final Divorce Decree.

REMARRIAGE: THE CLIENT UNDERSTANDS THAT YOU ARE NOT DIVORCED UNTIL THE JUDGE ACTUALLY SIGNS THE FINAL DIVORCE DECREE. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON GETTING REMARRIED, YOU MUST WAIT AT LEAST 30 DAYS AFTER THE JUDGE SIGNS THE FINAL DECREE OF DIVORCE FOR THE DECREE TO BECOME A FINAL JUDGMENT. You need to allow plenty of time to get the divorce. The statutory waiting period for divorces with a child(ren) is 90 days and without child(ren) is 60 days. **THIS LAW FIRM CANNOT GUARANTEE A DIVORCE BY A CERTAIN DATE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AND WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE IF YOU SET A WEDDING DATE AND YOUR DIVORCE IS NOT FINAL BY THAT TIME.**

If a **QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER (QDRO)** is needed for a pension, 401K, or other retirement account, the fee for preparation of this order will require a deposit of **\$1,150.00 per order and the service will be billed hourly or the Client shall be referred to an attorney who specialized in that area.**

POST-DIVORCE DOCUMENT RECOVERY: At the conclusion of your divorce, you will receive a copy of all executed divorce documents, and we will mail your spouse or his or her attorney their divorce documents. Please keep your final divorce papers with your important documents. Please be advised that once your file is closed there is a \$100.00 document recovery for our office to locate the file. Filings may be obtained directly from the courthouse.

POST-DIVORCE MATTERS, after a divorce has been granted, such as appeals, modifications, contempt petitions, etc. are not part of this fee agreement.

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CASE AND TECHNOLOGY: Our office takes pride in being tech savvy as it helps us be more efficient. Please use MyCase, our legal practice management software, as a first line of communication with our office. Please use your SHARED Dropbox folder and the MyCase platform to organize and send us documents when necessary. Your case information including all court dates, and meetings will appear on your calendar in MyCase. We also use the Zoom platform for virtual meetings and court.

Please be mindful that all communications may be billed hourly. **MyCase and Zoom instructions can be found on our website <https://wedofamilylaw.com/client-portal>**
MyCase, Dropbox, and Zoom are apps that can be downloaded from the iPhone Apple Store or the Android Play Store.

When using Dropbox to upload, organize, and label files you will want to do it from a desktop or laptop computer. We do not recommend that you do this from your phone. We will require that most documents be forwarded in PDF form and not screenshots or phone scans. If you bring numerous documents to our office for us to scan, label, and organize for you, please understand that we will bill hourly to do so.

If the attorney or a legal assistant leaves you a message, please call back promptly, as it is usually important when we try to contact you. Information about Shelby County cases may be found online, please see the email forwarded to you after the case has been filed.

Our office will generally communicate with you and notify you when there is a change in your case or something to report to you. This helps minimize attorney's fees. It is okay for you to call us to check on the status of your case, but please try to avoid excessive calls regarding the same matter. We will call or write you when there is something we need to notify you of or information we need to obtain for you.

MONITOR SHELBY COURT CASE ACTIVITY ONLINE: You may monitor your case to view filings and other court activity by logging onto the Curt website. You can also check to see if your spouse has been served by the sheriff or private process server.

If your case is in Chancery Court. Go to

https://chancerydata.shelbycountyttn.gov/chweb/ck_public_gry_main.cp_main_srch_options Click on Case Information. You can search by your name or case number. Be sure to type in your name as it appears on the complaint for divorce. If searching by case number type in for example CH-10-1000

If your case is in Circuit Court, Go to

https://circuitdata.shelbycountyttn.gov/crweb/ck_public_gry_main.cp_main_idx Click on Case Information. You can search by your name or case number. Be sure to type in your name as it appears on the complaint for divorce. If searching by case number type in for example CT-00100-10

*****NOTE TO CLIENT*****

Please understand that contested divorces take time and each case is different. We cannot predict how long it will take to obtain the final divorce. There are several factors that determine how long it will take and how much it will cost. We will do our best to move your case forward in a timely manner, but you must also pay any account balances promptly. Your case is a priority to us, and you will demonstrate that it is a priority to you by honoring this fee agreement, responding to our requests promptly, and working to resolve issues that can be resolved without the need for hearings and litigation. Your attorney retains the right to withdraw from your case if your fees are not current. Upon withdrawal, all outstanding account balances immediately become due.

Client understands and agrees that all fees stated herein apply to an Uncontested Legal Separation and/or Annulment proceeding.

Client Initials: _____

Client acknowledges that all notifications under this agreement should be mailed to the following address:

Mailing Address:

Street No. & Street Name _____ City, State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Email Address _____

Client agrees to notify Stokes Family Law, PLLC by mail, electronic mail, or phone of any change in said address or telephone number.

By signing below, Client acknowledges that Client has read the agreement in its entirety and understands and agrees to be bound by and pay according to the terms of this fee agreement.

Client Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Client Printed Name: _____

STOKES FAMILY LAW, PLLC: _____ **Date:** _____

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING STOKES FAMILY LAW, PLLC!

MYCASE PORTAL REMINDER VS. EMAIL

NOTE: Clients, keep in mind that all communications are billable.

Please use the MyCase secure portal Messages and Text Messages as a first line of communication with our office as emails can be easily missed due to the number of emails we receive daily. For case updates or to contact our office please use, in order of preference, (1) your MyCase portal Messages section, (2) text messages or (3) send an email to LStokes@wedofamilylaw.com

STOKES FAMILY LAW, PLLC

DIVORCE FEE SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

NOTE: ONLY \$ 100.00 WILL TRANSFER TO A CONTESTED DIVORCE IF YOUR SPOUSE DOES NOT SIGN ALL DIVORCE PAPERS

ALL CASES:

The Court filing fee must be paid before filing a case. Once the retainer has been depleted, all services, court appearances, and hearings shall require a deposit to cover hearing preparation and hearing time. All services shall be billed at the hourly rate.

MEETINGS/CONSULTATIONS/CONFERENCES/MAILINGS/BRIEFS/MEMOS	\$ BILLED AT HOURLY RATE
AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY (ADMIN FEE)	\$ 39.00+ BILLED AT HOURLY RATE
BANKRUPTCY MOTION TO REPRESENT & LIFT STAY	\$ 200.00 ATTORNEY FEE
BANKRUPTCY COURT FILING FEE	\$ 185.00
COPIES	\$ 0.50/PAGE
POST-CASE DOCUMENT RECOVERY FEE	\$ 100.00
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES	\$ 750 DEPOSIT & BILLED AT HOURLY RATE
ATTORNEY MEDIATION FEE/ATTENDANCE AT DEPOSITION FEE	\$ 900 DEPOSIT & BILLED AT HOURLY RATE
COURT REPORTER FEES (ADDITIONAL FEE FOR TRANSCRIPT)	\$ ACTUAL COSTS
RULE 31 MEDIATOR FEES	\$ 100-250 PER HOUR (PARTIES PAY HALF)
SUBPOENA FILING FEE/NOT ATTORNEY FEE	\$ 6.00 - \$22.00 EACH VARY WITH JURISDICTION
SUBPOENA PREPARATION, DRAFTING, & RESEARCH (NOT SERVICE)	\$ BILLED AT HOURLY RATE
SERVICE FEES (FOR FILING & SERVICE PER SUBPOENA)	\$ 42+ SHERIFF, \$ 65+ PRIVATE PROCESS SERVER FEE
DRAFTING COURT ORDERS, MOTIONS & PLEADINGS	\$ BILLED AT HOURLY RATE
MOTION PENDENTE LITE/TO DIVORCE REFEREE FILING FEE	\$10.00+
PENDENTE LITE HEARING (FOR ALIMONY/CHILD SUPPORT/ CONTRIBUTION/ATTORNEY FEES)	\$ 750.00 DEPOSIT & BILLED AT HOURLY RATE
DISCOVERY (ISSUING & RESPONDING) (INTERROGATORIES/REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS OR REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS)	\$ BILLED AT HOURLY RATE
ORDER OF PROTECTION HEARING FEE	\$ 1,000.00 DEPOSIT & BILLED HOURLY
PARENTING PLAN HEARING FEE & OTHER PETITIONS FOR RELIEF	\$ 750.00 DEPOSIT & BILLED AT HOURLY RATE
CONTEMPT HEARING	\$ 1,000.00 DEPOSIT & BILLED HOURLY
CHILD SUPPORT WAGE ASSIGNMENT & INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDERS	\$ BILLED AT HOURLY RATE
OTHER EXPENSES (PHONE CALLS, MESSAGES, TEXTS & EMAILS)	\$ BILLED AT HOURLY RATE + ACTUAL COSTS
OTHER EXPENSES (REVIEWING DISCOVERY, SUBPOENAED DOCUMENTS, ETC.)	\$ BILLED AT HOURLY RATE + ACTUAL COSTS
OTHER EXPENSES (CONFERENCES, LETTERS, MAILINGS, MEMORANDUMS, RESEARCH, ETC.)	\$ BILLED AT HOURLY RATE + ACTUAL COSTS
COURT REPORTER FEES	\$ 150-180+/SESSION (MORNING & AFTERNOON)
AMENDMENT FEE	\$ BILLED AT HOURLY RATE
RESET HEARING FEE	\$ BILLED AT HOURLY RATE
UNCONTESTED DIVORCE (TIPTON COUNTY)	
RETAINER	\$ 999.00
WITH HOME(S)	\$ 100.00/PIECE OF REAL PROPERTY
COURT APPEARANCE (IF NECESSARY)	\$ 600.00 DEPOSIT & BILLED AT HOURLY RATE
UNCONTESTED DIVORCE WITH CHILDREN (SHELBY COUNTY)	
RETAINER	\$ PLEASE REFER TO PAGE 1 OF THE AGREEMENT
WITH HOME(S)	\$ 100.00/PIECE OF REAL PROPERTY
FINAL HEARING FEE	\$ 595.00
CHILD SUPPORT WAGE ASSIGNMENT & INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDERS	\$ BILLED AT HOURLY RATE
CONTESTED DIVORCE WITH/WITHOUT CHILDREN (SHELBY COUNTY)	
RETAINER (FILING OF COMPLAINT/ANSWER/ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS)	\$ 3,499.00 (TO GET STARTED)
WITH HOME(S)	\$ 100.00/PIECE OF REAL PROPERTY
TRIAL PREPARATION & 1ST DAY OF TRIAL	\$ 4,500.00 DEPOSIT & BILLED HOURLY
FINAL HEARING PREPARATION & APPEARANCE FEE (IF CASE SETTLES)	\$ 595.00 DEPOSIT & BILLED HOURLY
FILING FEES (VARY BY COUNTY) FILING FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE (FEES BELOW DO NOT INCLUDE 3.5 % E-FILING TRANSACTION COSTS)	
DIVORCE FILING FEE WITHOUT CHILDREN/ WITH CHILDREN (SHELBY)	\$ 356.50/ \$431.50
DIVORCE FILING FEE WITHOUT CHILDREN/ WITH CHILDREN (HARDEMAN)	\$ 316.50/391.50
DIVORCE FILING FEE WITHOUT CHILDREN/ WITH CHILDREN (MCNAIRY)	\$ 235.50/310.50
DIVORCE FILING FEE WITHOUT CHILDREN/ WITH CHILDREN (TIPTON)	\$ 222.00/297.00
ANSWER & COUNTER-COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE FILING FEE	\$ VARIES