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COURT POLICIES

It is my policy to avoid involvement in legal and/or court matters whenever possible due to the fact that I find that it often undermines the therapeutic relationship between counselor and client, can have a negative impact on subsequent counseling, and in some cases will result in ending services.

In cases of a subpoena for records:

It is my policy not to release any portion of my clinical record for court matters. When I receive a subpoena for clinical records I contact my attorney to file a motion to quash the subpoena. Any legal fees incurred by Juanita Mitchell related to your case and/or your child's case are your responsibility and will be added to your account.

In cases of a subpoena for testimony:

1. A \$2000 retainer must be paid in full prior to any court appearance.
2. A rate of \$200/hour will be charged including travel time to and from court, time spent testifying, as well as, time spent waiting (i.e. waiting to testify, court breaks for lunch, etc.).
3. A subpoena must be received a minimum of 10 days in advance.
4. If the initial \$2000 retainer is exhausted, an additional \$2000 retainer is required prior to any additional court related work.
5. Any monies remaining of the retainer will be reimbursed to client at the conclusion of court.

I reserve the right to involve my attorney at any time during the legal proceeding related to my involvement in the matter. Any other legal fees I incur will be added to your account and due immediately.

Failure to pay the required retainer and/or legal fees incurred will result in closure of your case by Juanita Mitchell. You will receive written notification of this, and no further counseling services will be available.

Signature below indicates receipt and agreement of the above policy.

Client: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____