

## COURT APPEARANCE INFORMATION

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1. \$1500.00 retainer will be required prior to appearance at court. This retainer covers a half day in court.
2. Acorn Counseling Education Services only allows fully licensed individuals to testify. If testimony of a provisionally licensed individual is sought, their supervisor must be called.
3. Therapists will only testify as an expert witness with a subpoena.
4. If records are requested, they must also be subpoenaed. Treatment updates or testimony are preferred, as therapy notes are for the provision of counseling services and may need explanation.
5. If there are third parties that need to be contacted, releases must be signed and dated.
6. If a written report is necessary, the preparation will cost \$100 per hour and it must be requested 2 weeks prior to the court date. The report will be provided to all parties involved.
7. Clients and their families should realize that once the records and a therapist are subpoenaed, there is no confidentiality. The use of a therapist in court can change the relationship of the therapist to the client.
8. By their signature, the retaining party acknowledges they have rights over the information to be divulged in court and that they understand the contents of this sheet.
9. Consent can be revoked at the time the subpoena is revoked and with a written communication at any time.

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Retaining Party

Date