

**FORENSIC SERVICE AND FEE AGREEMENT\*\***

\*\*This is only an example fee agreement, terms and conditions may be subject to change

This is a fee agreement establishes the expert-client relationship between Dr. Soroush Mohandessi, MD and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “retaining party”) regarding the case of \_\_\_\_\_ hereafter referred to as the “case.”

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

The nature of confidentiality in a forensic psychiatric examination is considerably different from the confidentiality provided by a treating psychiatrist. Notifications regarding this issue, including the likely recipients of the finished report, will be provided to all examinees prior to the initiation of any examination.

As a licensed physician, Dr. Mohandessi may be required to intervene for the safety of the examinee and/or others in certain situations. In particular, if the examinee is a danger to him/herself or others, if there is abuse of a child, developmentally disabled person, or dependent adult, Dr. Mohandessi may be required to warn the person(s) in danger, and/or the contact appropriate authorities.

Additionally, the retaining party agrees not to divulge any of Dr. Mohandessi’s personal information to the examinee, other collateral contacts, or other third parties without prior authorization by Dr. Mohandessi.

**FORENSIC SERVICE**

Dr. Soroush Mohandessi is a licensed physician and psychiatrist in private practice. Dr. Mohandessi completed his medical school training at University of Washington School of Medicine. He completed a four-year residency in Psychiatry at McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Mohandessi also completed a one-year fellowship training program in Forensic Psychiatry at University of California, Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, California. He is a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and

appointed to the national committee for Private Practice that serves the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law. He is an expert in the diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric disorders. Dr. Mohandessi is also an expert in the assessment of psychiatric disorders in the forensic setting including criminal and civil cases.

In regard to the “case,” Dr. Mohandessi agrees to the following conditions including:

1. Dr. Mohandessi will be available for the review of any relevant documents and records necessary to prepare for his involvement in the case.
2. Dr. Mohandessi will be available for consultation via telephone and email in a timely manner.
3. Dr. Mohandessi agrees to maintain record of his involvement and time spent in casework in a professional manner. Dr. Mohandessi also agrees to inventory and bill the retaining party for all case related work and services on a monthly basis.
4. Dr. Mohandessi will not be obligated to complete the work for the retaining party and may withdraw his services at any time if the retaining party fails to meet the terms of the agreement as set forth in this document.

#### FEE AGREEMENT

Dr. Mohandessi’s fees for services are described below:

1. Dr. Mohandessi is reimbursed for all expert involvement in forensic case work at the rate of \_\_\$300\_\_ per hour. This includes, but is not limited to, travel time, psychiatric evaluations, collateral interviews, review of case material, telephone calls, preparation and writing of letters and forensic reports, and preparation for and participation in expert witness testimony in deposition and trial proceedings.
2. Dr. Mohandessi is reimbursed for all travel expenses and time spent traveling necessary for his involvement in casework. This includes time and expenses spent for air, car, train and marine travel from his current location to the examination site and back. Dr. Mohandessi is also reimbursed for all overnight accommodation expenses undertaken for his involvement in forensic case participation.
3. In addition to time spent for travel, Dr. Mohandessi is reimbursed for his services on a half-day and full-day basis. This includes travel and participation in cases that require his professional involvement. In situations that his services are requested for half-day involvement, Dr. Mohandessi will charge for 5 hours of his time. In situations that his

services are requested for full-day involvement, Dr. Mohandessi will charge for 10 hours of his time. Dr. Mohandessi bills to the nearest 1/4 hour.

4. The retaining party agrees to be fully responsible to reimburse Dr. Mohandessi for his time, work and expenses as detailed above in a timely manner. In response to invoice bills, the retaining party will pay Dr. Mohandessi for his services by check made out to “Mohandessi Psych, LLC” within two weeks (14 days) of the date of invoice bill. If the retaining party does not reimburse Dr. Mohandessi in a timely manner, the retaining party will be responsible for all outstanding bills, fees, charges and the expenses undertaken by Dr. Mohandessi to recover any outstanding balance due including a 1.5% monthly interest.
  
5. In the event that the retaining party cancels, reschedules or does not show for an existing appointment with Dr. Mohandessi within 7-days of the time of appointment, the retaining party will be charged for Dr. Mohandessi’s time. The retaining party will reimburse Dr. Mohandessi for time already committed for his involvement in the case for the existing appointment time(s) at the rate of \_\_\$300\_\_ per hour.

This fee agreement was prepared by the office of Mohandessi Psych, LLC on behalf of Dr. Soroush Mohandessi for the purpose of his involvement in the case of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Either party may terminate the expert-client relationship upon written notice (including email).

By signing below, Dr. Mohandessi and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “retaining party”) agree to this professional fee agreement and will abide by the conditions described above.

**Mohandessi Psych, LLC**  
**9407 NE Vancouver Mall Drive #205**  
**Vancouver, WA 98662**

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Soroush Mohandessi, MD, FAPA      Date      \_\_\_\_\_      Retaining Party      \_\_\_\_\_      Date