



***Alternative rate and billing/payment solutions may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Initial time discussing requested services may be unbilled, up to 15 minutes.***

**Retainer (non-refundable):** Dependent upon requested services, to a minimum of 1 hour's rate. If travel is necessarily involved, as with expectation of court testimony not local to me, a minimum of one half of the daily rate will be required.

**Hourly:** \$600. Any time spent qualifies for a minimum of 1 hour. After the first hour, subsequent time spent will be tracked and billed accordingly. If sufficient hourly time accrues, the maximum charge in a day will revert to the daily fee, plus expenses.

**Deposition:** \$2000. Includes review time, short distance travel local to me, deposition time, and routine administrative time. I reserve the right to change to hourly or daily fees plus expenses if the case is expected to take an unusual amount of time, including substantial travel, with the change made clear at the time of agreeing to be deposed. Does not include time for court testimony or other factors not directly related to the deposition.

**Daily:** \$4800 + expenses. If travel is involved not local to me, a minimum of one half of the daily rate will be charged for that travel day.

**Forensic (ME/coroner jurisdiction) autopsy:** Negotiable. Includes provision of an autopsy report, opinion of cause and manner of death, and recommendations regarding ancillary testing, but with all ancillary expenses typically paid separately by the client, including body transport, facilities, histology, toxicology, etc., and any subsequent deposition(s), trial(s), etc. will incur additional fees for time. If a competent autopsy tech cannot be provided by the client, an additional fee will be required. Cases anticipated to be complex or unusually lengthy may be billed at a negotiated higher rate.

**Private (non-ME/coroner jurisdiction) autopsy:** See below. All options include an external examination, photographic imaging, provision of an autopsy report, opinion of cause and manner of death, and discussion of the autopsy findings with appropriate family and/or duly appointed representative; any subsequent deposition(s), trial(s), etc. will incur separate fees for time. Restrictions on the autopsy may limit those opinions. At this time histology and toxicology are separate add-on fees. X-ray imaging is not currently available unless arranged or provided by the client. *A minimum of 50% of the*

*fee is required prior to starting the autopsy. Payment in full is required prior to release of the autopsy report.*

- **Typical complete autopsy:** \$4000. Includes examination of the internal organs of the head, neck, chest, abdomen, and pelvis.
- **Typical complete autopsy EXCEPT head:** \$3000. Excludes examination of the brain.
- **Head only autopsy:** \$2000. Includes examination of the brain.
- **Chest only autopsy:** \$2000. Includes examination of the heart and lungs. The abdomen may be opened and abdominal organs briefly examined in situ but not removed.
- **Second autopsy:** \$5000. If the previous autopsy was performed under ME/coroner jurisdiction, a second autopsy will only be performed after the ME/coroner has released the body. Note that second autopsies can be challenging due to typical extensive artifact of prior examination.
- **External only exam:** \$750. This is generally not recommended except in limited circumstances, as an external exam may not be able answer the questions being posed in the context of a typical private case.
- **Other autopsy/examination options and associated fees may be discussed and negotiated on a case-by-case basis.**
- **Toxicology add-on:** Dependent on available specimen(s) and individual case. Samples will be sent to NMS Labs for analysis. Specimens will be retained for NO LONGER THAN 6 MONTHS unless otherwise arranged. *Please discuss specific toxicology questions or concerns with Dr. Shaw; while typical toxicology panels may cover a significant number of drugs and medications, no one panel covers everything.*
- **Histology add-on:** *Please discuss with Dr. Shaw.*

**Miscellaneous:** It is the responsibility of the party requesting consultation to make available materials for review, including but not limited to costs of obtaining, duplicating, and/or transmitting such materials. Generally, electronic transfer of digital files is acceptable. Expenses will be billed as appropriate to the case and expense reports will be made available as necessary.

**Cancellations:** Cancellation <7 days prior to a scheduled deposition, trial, etc. will incur a minimum 1 hour charge, unless otherwise negotiated.

*Time charged shall include but not be limited to travel time, wait time (including waiting to be called in court), testimony time, telephone conversations, email communications,*

*literature search and review, review of reports, records, photographs, radiographic images, and/or microscopic slides, generation of a written report, etc.*

*Unless otherwise specified all opinions provided are my own, based on my training and experience to date, and my review of the materials and information made available to me about the case.*