**Policy and Procedure Statement Governing Financial Reimbursement for Provision of Postmortem Examinations and Forensic Consultation Services**

I am a Washington state licensed physician specializing in forensic pathology, and am triple board certified in anatomic, clinical and forensic pathology. I provide services which include:

* **Full post-mortem examination (autopsy) services:** Along with the autopsy procedure, these services may include photography, toxicological sampling and/or other laboratory testing with interpretation, microscopic examination, radiological imaging or other procedures, as may be deemed indicated by the autopsy pathologist. These services will result in the provision of a final autopsy report.
* **Consultation to attorneys:** Services may include review of medical records, previous autopsy reports and/or prior toxicology results, assistance in deposing experts, selection of experts, and medical assistance with case strategy.

The above services are provided at rigorous quality standards with the intent to be legally admissible within any court of law.

**Fees.** The fee structure for Washington Forensics Services, PLLC is as follows:

* **Performance of Full Post-mortem Examinations** (“autopsy”) to include determination of pathological diagnoses and, if possible, proximate cause and manner of death. The autopsy is a medical procedure and is charged as a separate service. Any required legal testimony is to be considered supplemental to the autopsy procedure and supplemental charges may apply (see “Consultation to Attorneys”) .
	+ **Private Autopsy Cases** are billed at **$3050** (this includes a $2500 basic autopsy fee, $150 histology fee, $150 transcription fee and a $250 forensic toxicology fee. If specialized additional toxicology or laboratory testing is required, additional fees above the $250 toxicology fee may apply). As the autopsy is a medical service, there is no sales tax.

Additional fees may be required and if applicable are listed below:

* + **Cases Provided to Coroners** are billed at their existing fee structures, with a minimum charge of $1500 (provided that the county use the Washington State Toxicology Lab; otherwise $250 will be added to the $1500 minimum charge).

The itemized breakdown of the $1500 minimum charge is a.) autopsy $1200; b.) transcription $150; and c.) histology $150.

* **Performance of Limited Post-mortem Examinations** are usually performed to assist brain examination (typically for the work-up of dementia or other neurodegenerative disorders) by a neuropathologist. Billing will be itemized to include the primary autopsy pathologist fee (**$1500**); neuropathologist fee (available upon inquiry); and laboratory fees, including specialized immunohistochemistry stains.
* **Consultation to Attorneys** are billed at a rate of **$400** per hour. As necessary, this may also include travel time, records review, telephone calls, letters, reports. This fee also applies to courtroom testimony, including waiting time. Time is pro-rated to the next highest 5 minutes. Appointment times are reserved and 48 hours minimum notice is required for cancellation; missed appointments will be billed at the full fee. Please call 425-754-5121 to cancel.

**Agreement with above terms**

I have read the Policy and Procedure Statement Governing Financial Reimbursement for Provision of Postmortem Examinations and Forensic Consultation Services, understand and agree to the terms delineated therein, and give my informed consent to receive services as described at the fee structure listed.

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