



Summit County
Domestic Relations Court
Administrative Judge Katarina Cook
Judge Kani H. Hightower

Fee Schedule

1. **Contempt Cases**- Attorney Appointment Hourly Fee Rate - Referenced in Loc. R. 13.08- in accordance with Summit County Codified Ordinance (SCCO) 113.09 is \$75.00 per hour. Maximum billable per case is \$500.00.
2. **Guardian Ad Litem Cases**- Referenced in Loc. R. 34.06 Fees:
 - (A) Legal Custody cases. Court-appointed Attorney Guardian ad Litem (GAL) shall be compensated at the rate of \$75.00 per hour in accordance with SCCO 113.09 and requests are to be submitted for payment following the procedures set forth in Loc. R. 13.08(C). Maximum billable per case is \$2,500.00.
 - (B) For all other cases, \$1,500.00 shall be deposited with the Summit County Clerk of Courts by the date set forth in the order appointing the GAL. Note that a two percent (2%) processing fee is collected by the Clerk of Courts and will be added to the fees required to be deposited with the Clerk. The appointed GAL shall be compensated at the rate set forth as follows:
 - i) GALs active and accepting appointments for less than five consecutive years on the Summit County Domestic Relations Court Guardian Ad Litem Appointment List shall be compensated at a rate of \$100.00 per hour.
 - ii) GALs active and accepting appointments for five or more consecutive years on the Summit County Domestic Relations Court Guardian Ad Litem Appointment List shall be compensated at a rate of \$150.00 per hour.
 - iii) All GALs on the Appointment List are required to accept at least one reduced rate case per year in order to maintain their active status. Parties requesting a reduced rate must submit a Financial Disclosure Form as application for a reduced rate GAL to be approved by the Director of Family Court Services.

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