

TARAS, Inc.



Traffic Safety Consulting

FEE SCHEDULE

Effective January 1, 2019

Corporate Charter Number: Texas 01369966-00

Tax ID Number: 75-2615080

Retainer:	Minimum required on all new matters (Unearned fees refundable if specified by prior agreement).....	\$3,500
Activity:	Analysis, research, reporting,	\$220/hr.
	Testimony, depositions, arbitration, court (4 hour minimum).....	\$250/hr.
Expenses:	Direct expenses will be billed at actual cost.	
	Mileage billed at	\$0.55/mi.
	Driving time to and from area of investigation (68 % of normal rate).....	\$150.00/hr.
	Meal expense.....	NO CHARGE.
	Equipment fees.....	not to exceed rental expense for same item.
	Photographs (supplies, printing, and processing).....	\$ 1.00/photo.
	Computerized motor vehicle skid testing.....	\$50 per test.
	Truck ECM Download Fee.....	\$1,000 plus normal investigative fee.
	Airbag Control Module Download Fee.....	\$350 plus normal investigative fees.
	Administrative Field Assistant(s).....	\$70/hr. ea.

All invoices are due and payable upon receipt. A late charge of two percent (2%) per month will be added to all accounts not paid within 25 days of the billing date, unless payment extensions are made by written agreement. All fees (including but not limited to collection agencies and attorney fees) incurred during collection will be added to the account balance. Any invoice not paid in full within six (6) months will be considered in default and may be referred for collection.

The retaining attorney is responsible for all fees and expenses. TARAS, Inc. will not divide fees for depositions or any other activities between multiple clients.

The Texas Office of the Comptroller advises that “Acting as a consultant for an attorney in litigation covered by an insurance policy is taxable as insurance services....the attorney’s fees for legal services are not taxable. The attorney is required to pay sales tax on insurance services that he or she purchases for use in providing the legal services.” (Attorney General Opinion JM-1016). Conversely, fees charged for actual court or deposition testimony are not taxable.

Potential clients are expressly prohibited from naming Mr. Painter as an expert witness until such time that consulting services have been formally contracted and/or a retainer fee paid, if requested. To do otherwise is a deceptive practice, and unfairly profits on Mr. Painter’s professional reputation. Such practices may cause direct harm to Mr. Painter by blocking his retention by other parties to the litigation, and claiming his support of a legal position that may not be consistent with the evidence.

No cases will be accepted upon a lien or contingency