

Yavapai County Guidelines & Fee Schedule for Experts

The hourly fees outlined below are approved as presumptive by the Public Defender and Contract Administrator. Meaning, these rates will be approved upon request for qualified experts. However, counsel is encouraged to use qualified experts willing to charge a lower hourly rate when possible.

Any request for an increase in these rates must be accompanied by a detailed statement indicating the basis for the increase. This statement must include a statement about the inability to find an expert willing to serve at this rate or demonstrate the uniqueness of the case calling for specialized expertise. These hourly rates are always subject to a reasonable cap on the total amount approved for each expert.

Investigators: \$60.00 an hour capital cases; \$40.00 an hour on non-capital after specific approval from the Contract Administrator.

Paralegals: \$40.00 an hour on capital cases after specific approval from the contract administrator; \$30.00 on all other cases after specific approval from the Contract Administrator

Computer Forensics: \$350.00 an hour after specific approval from the Contract Administrator.

DNA Expert: \$350.00 an hour after specific approval from the Contract Administrator.

Ballistics Expert: \$300.00 an hour after specific approval from the Contract Administrator.

Forensic Accountant: \$350.00 an hour after specific approval from the Contract Administrator.

Capital Mitigation Spec.: \$80.00 an hour after specific approval from the Contract Administrator.

Psychologist / Psychiatrist: \$350.00 an hour or negotiated flat fee after specific approval from the Contract Administrator.

Transcriptions: \$2.75 a page, after specific approval from the Contract Administrator.

Interpreters: \$40 per hour after specific approval from the Contract Administrator.