

6th Circuit Presumptive Rates

Paralegal ¹	\$35 – \$50
Law Student	\$15 – \$25
Investigator ²	\$55 – \$100
Mitigation Specialist	\$75 – \$100 (\$55 for record collection)
Attorney Expert – Capital Case	\$185
Attorney Expert – Non-Capital Case	\$132
Litigation Support Expert	\$65 – \$100
Psychiatrist (M.D.)	\$200 – \$300
Neurologist (M.D.)	\$250 – \$350
Other Medically-licensed Expert (M.D. or D.O.)	\$250 – \$350
Neuropsychologist (with Ph.D.)	\$150 – \$250
Psychologist (with Ph.D.)	\$150 – \$250
Accountant	\$150 – \$250
Audio, Video, or Photo Analyst	\$100 – \$200
Ballistics/Firearms Expert	\$150 – \$250
Chemist	\$100 – \$250
DNA	\$150 – \$250
Fingerprint Analyst	\$100 – \$125
Forensic Computer/Cellphone Analyst	\$150 – \$250
Gang Expert	\$100 – \$200
Handwriting Analyst	\$100 – \$150
Jury Consultant	\$100 – \$200
Interpreter/Translator	\$25 – \$60
Document Translation	16.5 cents per word
Associates Non CJA Panel	\$80
Associates CJA Panel	\$90

¹ The policy contemplates that paralegals appointed at the maximum hourly rate possess foreign language skills, discovery database management expertise, or subjective coding experience in at least two prior federal cases or complex civil litigation.

² The policy contemplates that investigators authorized at the maximum hourly rate have foreign language skills, a high level of investigative expertise in the type of crime alleged, special skills the case requires, or experience conducting investigations in a significant number of federal cases.