Meredith M. Baker Esq.
My retainer is dependent on the complexity of the case so from 5,000 and 7,000 and my hourly is $250
prefers orders of appointment to allow for recs to be implemented until a hearing
Bernalillo, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Valencia
As of 11-2025, staring in two months.
11-14-25

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Julie Bishop, Esq.
hourly rate is $275
retainer is usually $3500, depending on the issues of the case (more if travel is needed).
scheduling the initial intakes with parents/parties within a week.
cases for custody, Kinship Guardianship, grandparent visitation, and Adult Guardianship.
Cases accepted throughout the state.
11-14-25

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Kimberly L. Padilla

My hourly rate is $250.
$3,500 retainer.
Starts fairly quickly.

Brianna Feerer-Huss
$275/hour
5k retainer.
Usually starts work within two weeks of receiving appointment and payment.
11-18-25

Krista Garcia
$300/hour
4000 to 5000 retainer depending on travel required
Available immediately
Willing to travel to all districts.
Starts one to two weeks after receiving retainer
11-18-25

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Kathrin Ellington
Santa Fe and Taos Counties only
355/hr
Retainer varies
3 to 4 weeks availability

Linda Rockwell
Average retainer is 4000 (depending on the number of people and amount of travel)
250 to 300/hour
Begins work generally within a week of appointment
Services Bern Co, Sandoval Co, Valencia Co
11-18-25

Lawrence Kronen
275/hour
4k retainer
Available immediately

Stacey Haase
3k to 5k retainer
250/hr (half for travel)
Otero Co and Lincoln Co
Available immediately

Roxanne “Rocky” Rodriguez / 575 Legal Group, LLC
Accepts cases in Eddy Co, Lea Co, and Chaves Co
Usually 3k retainer, 300/hr

Deian McBryde
5k retainer (about 15 hours of work)
$300 per hour (will consider a discount down to $250 based on need)
available now
Is willing to consider working in our rural communities and when a parent lives outside of NM if virtual is allowed. In person work is limited.

11-14-25

Serena Valley
Usual retainer: 5k
295/hr
All NM counties.
I begin work immediately upon retainer receipt.
2-3-25

Anna Martin
Accepts cases in 5th primarily but will consider cases in 12th and 9th
300/hr
3000 retainer
Can usually start within a month
11-14-25

Marna Trammell
250/hr
4000 retainer
Bern Co, Cibola, Guadalupe, Sandoval Co, Santa Fe Co, Torrance Co, and Valencia Co, Sierra, and Socorro
Available 5 business days from receipt of retainer
GAL appointments for contested custody, kinship guardianship, adult guardianship/conservatorship, grandparent visitation, and minor settlement matters.
11-14-25

Renee Lewis
250/hr – charges full hourly for travel
Accepts cases throughout the state
4k retainer
Currently available

Darlene Gomez
Retainer between 4500
Spanish speaker and long history of working with Native American and Hispanic clients.
Accepted to practice in most tribal courts except Jicarilla Apache, Mescalero, and Navajo Nation
Available within a week
Hourly rate:350
11-18-25

Jessica Hess
Retainer between 4500
Spanish speaker and long history of working with Native American clients
Available now
Hourly rate:385
2-4-2025

Don Johnson
2500 retainer (give or take)
250/hour
Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties
Can usually start immediately
1-30-25

Randy Powers
4000 retainer
275/hour
Bernalillo, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Valencia (one hour(ish) from Bernalillo County); will consider anywhere is NM if all activities are agreed to be virtual
I start right away once the Order is entered and the retainer is paid in full.
11-14-25

Freda Howard McSwane
350/hour
3500 usual retainer
Lincoln, Chaves, Lea, Ortero, Dona Ana
usual availability: begin working on the matter as soon as retainer is received.
2-3-25

Laura Cass
300/hour
5000 retainer.
Accepting cases in all counties
Starts work immediately
11-18-25

Laura Horton
4000 retainer
300/hr
Santa Fe, Albuquerque, 13th Judicial (will consider other counties)
Availability in about a month

Elizabeth Ashton
4000 retainer
300/hr

Santa Fe, Albuquerque, 13th Judicial (will consider other counties)
Availability in about a month

Amy Bailey
3500 retainer base and higher depending on level of complexity and number of people involved.
325 to 395/hr
Luna, Grant, Sierra, Dona Ana, Otero, Lincoln, Chavez, Eddy, and Lea Counties
Work begins when order is received.
11-25-25

Amy L. Orlando

5000 retainer
300/hour (125 for travel time)
Las Cruces, Deming, Silver City, T or C, Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Albuquerque, Rio Rancho.
Usually starts work within one to two weeks

11-14-25

Julia Petrucelli
4000 retainer
315/hr
Primarily: Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia counties. Will consider Santa Fe.
Can take case pretty quickly
Open to working on cases with DV and child abuse

11-14-25

Serena Valley

5000 retainer
295/hr
Practices throughout NM
Usually starts within one week

11-14-25

Joe Wiseman
Retainer 3k to 5k
350/hour

Retainer and hourly can be adjusted for the right case
Work begins ASAP.

11-14-25

Hannah Stephens
175/hr
1200 retainer
practice in Bernalillo county primarily but can also do some surrounding counties such as Sandoval County, Valencia County, Socorro county and Cibola County.
can usually start work within a week.
11-14-25

Twila Hoon
Retainer, I frequently do the court-appointed cases for the AOC fee schedule or a split of the two -typically, I try to collect $500 retainer per side but on those cases where the court finds indigency AOC only pays at completion so no retainer.
hourly rate for GAL appointments is $250.00; however, I have accepted lower at the Court's request
I practice statewide with the caveat that jurisdictions further away from Abq will require a couple of weeks to coordinate in-person interviews; and
I try to start work within five business days but if its a heavy month I'll advise if I need a 14 day lead time.
11-18-25

Sheryl Saavedra
5000 retainer
300 per hour
Not accepting appointments until 2026
11-18-25

Sarah Patterson
295/hour
3500 retainer
Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, and Otero Counties. Will accept appointments for other counties if work ca be done remotely.
Start within one to two weeks of appointment

11-15-25

Brittany Dutton-Leyda
225/hour
4000 retainer
11-18-25

Allison Pieroni
200 to 300/hour
4000 retainer
Services most counties but will need extra retainer for travel expenses
Usually starts within one to two weeks of appointment
11-18-25

Shahnaz Stanley
250/hour
4000 retainer
Covers most counties
Starts within two weeks. Attempts to provide interim recs within 45 to 60 days, if needed

11-18-25

Nicci Unsicker
300/hour
3500 plus grt retainer
Begins work usually within a week of receiving retainer
Accepts appointments in San Juan County for custody, kinship guardianship, adult guardianship/conservatorship, grandparent visitation, and minor settlements
11-18-25

Jay R. Mueller
295/hour
3000 retainer
Practices in 2nd, 13th, and 4th judicial districts
Speaks Spanish

Anthony Griego
4000 retainer
275/hr
Starts within a few days of receiving retainer
Accepts cases in 2nd, 13th, and 11th

Linda Martinez-Palmer
Willing to work with clients on the retainer amount.
Spanish speaker
Does cases in 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 8th judicial districts

Samantha Madrid
2000 retainer
300/hr
Las Cruces

Malia Santilla
Hourly Rate: $300 per hour
Retainer Rate: $4,500 per month
Travel Costs: Travel expenses may be added depending on the location.