

# DIVORCED DAD ROADMAP



## FAMILY COURT SECRETS FOR DIVORCED DADS FAMILY COURT SECRETS – THE OVERVIEW

### AVERAGE COST OF FAMILY COURT WITH A LAWYER

**AVERAGE DIVORCED DAD CASE STUDY:** Middle Class Couple 28-49 years of age, with household income of \$45,000-\$95,000. 1-3 Kids, own home/mortgage, debts. At least one pension and/or RRSP, some modest savings. The contested issues are Child Custody, Child Access / Visitation Child Support, Spousal Support, Property Division. Case takes about 18 months. Average Monthly Cost = \$7200.00

**NOTES:** Costs are averages only without GST. Depending on circumstances Costs can be higher. If you are a Business Owner Cost will be 2-3 x higher because of extensive financial disclosure.

<i>Initial retainer \$5000.00 @ \$325.00 / hr</i>	<b>COST</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>
Gather / review evidence	\$2000.00+	\$ 2000.00+
Prepare Application, Financial Statement, Case Conference Notice, Client Review, Process Serving	\$4,500.00+	\$ 6500.00+
Review of Mother's Answer, Financial Statement, Notes	\$1000.00+	\$ 7500.00+
Prepare Reply, Review, Service	\$1500.00+	\$ 9000.00+
Prepare Case Conference Notice / Brief, Confirmation / Review / Service x 2	\$4000.00+	\$ 13,000.00+
Attendance – First Appearance	\$1000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Prepare For Case Conference Attendance x 2	\$1500.00	\$ 15,500.00
Attendance at Case Conference x 2	\$1500.00	\$ 17,000.00
Prepare Children's Lawyer Materials	\$1000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Prepare For Children's Lawyer Meetings	\$1000.00	\$ 19,000.00
Attend Children's Lawyer Meetings x 2	\$1500.00	\$ 20,500.00
Prepare NFP Statement	\$1000.00	\$ 21,500.00
Motion, Affidavit, Factum, Confirmation, Service – 4 Issues: Custody / Access, Child Support, Spousal Support, Property Division	\$6000.00+ x 4 issues = \$24,000.00+	\$ 45,500.00+
Review All Responding Motion Materials	\$4000.00	\$ 49,500.00+
Attendance at All Motions, review endorsements, prepare / approve orders	\$1500.00 x 4 issues = \$6000.00	\$ 55,500.00+
Prepare for Questioning x 2	\$3000.00	\$ 58,500.00+
Attend at Questioning x 2	\$5000.00	\$ 63,500.00+
Prepare Settlement Conference Notice / Brief Confirmation, Updating Financial Statement	\$2500.00+ x 2 = \$5000.00+	\$ 68,500.00+
Attendance at Settlement Conference x 2	\$3000.00	\$ 71,500.00+
Preparation of Trial Management Conference Notice / Brief Confirmation Form, Updating Financial Statement and attendance at Trial Management Conference	\$3,500.00+	\$ 75,000.00+
Additional costs: Time spent on phone calls with client / other lawyer, negotiations during proceedings, emails, faxes, correspondence, organize file / miscellaneous administration	\$2500 x 12 months = \$24,000	\$ 99,000.00+
Trial Preparation and 2 Day Trial	\$30,000+	\$ 129,000.00+
<b>TOTAL OVER 18 MONTHS</b>		<b>\$129,000.00+</b>

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