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CRIMINAL FORENSIC FEE SCHEDULE (revised March 2016)

<u>Laboratory Testing</u>: <u>Laboratory testing</u> which is requested and then canceled is subject to a \$25 office-handling fee. If the sample has been received, then a \$50 specimen handling/destruction fee will apply. Contact agency (DA, Probation, etc.) usually in writing to request the release of the specimen(s) and have them ship the specimen to *Drug Detection Laboratories*: 9700 Business Park Drive Suite 407, Sacramento CA 95827. Send completed DDL Services Requisition form along with payment (cash, business check, money order, Visa, Discover, or MasterCard) to DDL at the above address. No personal checks will be accepted. Specimens, which are received without a requisition form having been submitted, may not be accepted. Transportation and/or shipping fees may be additional. Fees are subject to change.

Alcohol (Ethanol) \$100 Fluoride (preservative) \$60 ABO Blood Typing \$60

Ethanol analysis performed by headspace gas chromatography using California Department of Public Health's Title 17 for Forensic Alcohol Analysis by certified staff. **Blood typing** performed on blood only. Blood typing on fluoride preserved samples over one month old are subject to degradation. Typing is useful as a presumptive screen only, and DNA may be required for specific and reliable determination of source or identity.

DUI Blood Retesting Panel (includes all three tests above) \$200

<u>Drug Retesting (blood, urine – quantitative)</u> \$300 per drug (Contact laboratory)

Individual quantitative drug analysis for many drugs/metabolites is \$300. Some drug analyses require samples be sent to a reference laboratory.

Standard Court Discovery Packet \$50

Includes copies of worksheet, toxicologist notes, chromatograms (standards, blanks, controls, case analysis), quality control charts, & chain-of-custody documents on in-house testing. Contact lab for fees for additional documents/special requests.

Solid Dose Drug Testing (powder, pill/capsule, liquid, syringe) - Qualitative \$200 per item / Quantitative \$400 per item Analysis perform by gas chromatography-mass spectrometry for common drugs of abuse, pharmaceuticals, etc. For forensic solid dose cases, please provide only a minimal representative "split" sample (20-75 mg) to the laboratory, an appointment to deliver/split the item is required. Excess sample cannot be returned by mail. Contact laboratory for specific analyses availability.

Documents and Case Review / Consultation (Required for testimony) \$200 per hour (\$150 - typical standard case review)

Required for testimony preparation or simply to determine the strengths or weaknesses in a particular case involving DUI of drugs and/or alcohol. \$150 minimum (0.75 hour) required for a typical criminal case (usually 30 pages or less). The minimum fee covers standard police report, DS-367 report, FST/DRE, toxicology reports, accuracy & calibration records, and drinking pattern statements. Additional documents, transcripts, etc. or extensive written reports will be charged at the \$200 per hour rate. Written reports are a minimum of \$150 (0.75 hour); a 15-minute discount (\$50) is given if the written report is done immediately with the review. Please note that toxicologists / experts will not discuss the details of a case without performing a document review to ensure opinion is based on the evidentiary facts (no "quickie" reviews).

Phone Hearing Testimony for Case Review (see above) / Laboratory Result \$250 minimum or \$200/hour

Case review required prior to hearing at the standard rate. \$250 fee covers up to 1.25 hours. Additional time will require \$200/hr. Time begins with scheduled time (not based on actual time of testimony). If hearing is canceled or rescheduled prior to the scheduled hearing time, then a \$50 standby fee will apply. If notification of rescheduling or cancellation occurs after the scheduled time the full \$250 fee applies. Contact laboratory to schedule/reserve the time. \$50 non-refundable fee is required to schedule the time, the full \$250 is required prior to time of hearing. \$250 minimum fee for laboratory result phone testimony.

Testimony Trial or In-person Hearing \$200 per hour (Portal to Portal - including travel time)

Minimal retainer (non-refundable) fee of \$250 will apply to reserve a half-day or \$500 for a full-day reservation. Dates reserved only upon receipt of minimum non-refundable fee. Additional retainer will be required prior to the date. Call laboratory for standard trial retainer fees. Transportation costs (mileage), tolls, lodging, etc. are billed in addition to hourly fees.

Drinking re-creation studies and other special services Contact laboratory for fee

Individually designed alcohol drinking re-creation studies, drug and alcohol lecture services, clandestine laboratory consultation, educational alcohol drinking studies for attorneys, and other special services as requested. Call Laboratory for details.