

Expert Hand Surgery Ltd

Medico-Legal Terms & Conditions

Thank you for instructing Mr Ross Fawdington of Expert Hand Surgery Ltd. Please read, sign and submit a copy of these terms and conditions to my Personal Assistant, prior to sending any client information.

Expert Witness Reports

A typical personal injury report is charged at approximately £750-£1,500 depending on the volume of records and the complexity of the issues to be addressed.

A typical medical negligence report is likely to be £1,000-£2,500 depending on the volume of records, complexity of the issues to be addressed and the relevant medical literature review.

All work is charged at a standard hourly rate of £350 per hour, and the final fee depends upon the amount of work required. Factors that affect this are the volume of records & imaging, and the complexity of the case. Additional administrative time is chargeable and commonly results from; upside-down scanned notes, incorrect password protected files, excess correspondence etc... This will be charged in 15 minute increments at the standard hourly rate.

Additional work requested after the report has been submitted is charged on a pro rata basis at the standard hourly rate (in 15 minute increments). All medico-legal work is carried out on a time basis; therefore these fees are estimates. Fixed fee reports are available but must be agreed in advance.

Payment must be received no later than **4 weeks** (28 days) from the invoice date. Deferred payment can be agreed by prior arrangement. All invoices incur interest at 10% per annum from 28 days after the invoice date. For deferred payment this must be paid at the conclusion of the case, and it is the responsibility of the instructing solicitor i.e. I will not chase payment. Deferred payment interest is payable from 28 days after the invoice date until invoice settlement, unless a prearranged period has been mutually agreed and adhered to.

Court Attendance

Court fees are chargeable at a rate of £3,000 per day. The NHS requires at least 6 weeks notice for trial attendance. If the trial (booked days) is cancelled within 2 weeks, the charge will be 50% of the total fees (booked days). If the trial cancellation is within 1 week, the total fees are payable (i.e. 100%). If the trial is cancelled with greater than 2 weeks notice, then no court fees will apply.

All reasonable expenses are to be paid including but not limited to: first class rail travel, flights, hotel expenses (4 star), car mileage (50p per mile), taxi fares. Travel time is £150 per hour.

These terms and conditions are exclusively with the instructing party and are entirely independent of any terms they may have with their own client(s). I specifically do not agree to an instructing parties' terms and conditions by accepting the instruction.

Appointments for consultation can usually be arranged within 2 weeks of these terms and conditions being agreed. Reports are usually available within 2-4 weeks of the consultation, but all medical records, imaging and materially relevant documents must be available a minimum of 7 days prior to the clinic appointment. If a client cancels their appointment giving less than 48 hours notice or fails to attend, a missed appointment fee of £150 will be applicable and is payable by the instructing party.

No clients will be seen without prior agreement to these terms and conditions.

Considering the requirement to keep costs reasonable and proportionate, conference by Microsoft Teams or Zoom is preferred, but all clients must be seen initially face-to-face.

In the event of delayed payment, Mr Fawdington reserves the right to cease further work on a case until such time as the fees are settled and any accrued interest paid. Instructing parties shall treat the information provided by Mr Fawdington as confidential and shall not disclose to anyone not involved in the case.

For urgent matters only, please contact my Personal Assistant: 07510 417479

Email: MedLegal@ExpertHandSurgery.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ross Fawdington
Consultant Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgeon
MBChB, FRCS Ed (Tr&Orth), MFST Ed, MSc Hand Surg

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name (print): _____

Company: _____