

L1915.18 Custody Evaluator's Fee Schedules and Communication Restrictions

Every court appointed custody evaluator shall maintain with the Butler County conciliator's office a fee schedule for in-court testimony, indicating at least ½ day and full day fees. The evaluator's advance deposit requirements and cancellation/refund policies shall also be clearly stated. Such fee schedule and policies may be amended from time to time at the discretion of the evaluator.

Both before and after the submission of the evaluator's written report, counsel for the parties shall not be permitted to communicate with the evaluator as to any substantive issues, without the consent or direct participation of counsel for the other party. This prohibition shall not prevent the evaluator from communicating with counsel for the purpose of preparing to present the evaluator's in-court testimony in support of the evaluator's report.