

### 2024 Mediation Fee Schedule for Meaghan Fernandez

I charge for my time at the rates shown below. In mediation, unless agreed by the parties, each participating party will be billed equally. I will bill for all time spent on the dispute, including preparation time, conferences whether by telephone or in person, assistance with the preparation of any settlement agreements, and reporting to counsel or the court.

# **2024 Hourly Mediation Rates on Civil Cases**

- \$400 per hour (\$200 per hour per side) for two-sided disputes
- \$150 per hour per side for three-sided disputes
- \$125 per hour per side for parties of four or more

There is a three-hour minimum for mediation on civil cases.

#### **2024 Hourly Mediation Rates on Family Law Cases**

- \$225 per hour (\$112.50 per hour per side) for the first two hours
- \$200 per hour (\$100 per hour per side) after the first two hours

### **Cancellations and Fees:**

In the event of cancellation or rescheduling, we must receive email notice at least 48 hours before the scheduled mediation; otherwise, the following cancellation/scheduling fees will be charged: \$150 per side on civil cases, and \$112.50 per side on family law cases. We do not waive applicable cancellation/rescheduling fees unless we are able to book another case in the reserved time slot, as these fees partially compensate us for loss of use of the time slot reserved as well as the administrative expenses incurred in connection with scheduling. We do not arbitrate who is responsible for any cancellation. Only if all parties agree will we invoice the charges for all sides to the party responsible for the cancellation. All cancellations must be communicated in writing (email is sufficient) with the agreement of all parties expressly noted. Please let us know immediately of any need to cancel or reschedule the mediation.

## **Travel Fees**

Mediation proceedings may be held at any location, or virtually using Zoom if approved by the Court or agreed upon by all parties. If the parties cannot reach an agreement regarding physical location, then the mediation will be held at either the offices of ZinoberDiana & Monteverde, P.A. or at a court reporter's office selected by Meaghan Fernandez, in the county where the matter is pending. There are no travel fees for cases in Hillsborough and Pinellas. Travel outside of these counties will be billed at one-half the hourly rate.

<u>Note</u>: Mediations are not booked until you receive an email or letter confirmation from our office.