Expert Services

Samaras & Associates, Inc.

Dr. George M. Samaras and Dr. Elizabeth A. Samaras offer expert consulting services related to medical devices and health information systems. Please request our curriculum vitae or see our website: <u>www.samaras-assoc.com</u>.

We only work on retainer. Our current hourly rates are \$400/hr for work in the office; testimony is \$500/hr; travel time and work outside the office are \$1000/hr. Services provided on a first come, first serve basis. Rush jobs requiring work/travel in the evenings, weekends, and holidays are billed at time and a half. We charge a minimum of 8 hours per day for any testimony, travel, and work outside our offices.

We expect retainers in 50-hour increments plus any estimated travel expenses. Even though we charge by the quarter-hour, we maintain timesheets to the minute along with a brief description of the activity at each sitting, unless we are advised otherwise. Timesheets and any unused retainer funds are provided upon written request within the calendar year.

We prefer wire transfers rather than mailed checks, as we will not begin or continue work until retainer funds are received. Wire transfers eliminate delays, when you have a time-sensitive project. We receive FedEx & UPS next-day service; the USPS takes 7-10 days for delivery to our ranch office.

Please contact us directly for wire transfer advice. You will be paying: Samaras & Associates, 7755 Soda Creek Road, Pueblo, CO 81005, EIN# 84-1398053

We are very happy to chat with you for up to an hour at no cost to ascertain whether or not we are actually able to assist you. We will gladly sign a <u>mutual</u> non-disclosure agreement or a Court protective order prior to talking with you, as well as before beginning work on your behalf.

For ease of access to your privileged documents and to maintain an unambiguous record of documents that you have provided and we have relied upon, we request you share your documents via Dropbox (www.dropbox.com : george@samaras-assoc.com OR libby@samaras-assoc.com) rather than email, CD/DVD, or hardcopy. Once we have received your initial retainer, we will provide you with a detailed list of documents that you can either share in the Dropbox or request production for us. We further request that all documents are provided in Adobe PDF format and are OCR'ed, so that we do not have to bill you for our time running Optical Character Recognition to make documents searchable. Documents that are not searchable will be converted to searchable PDFs and indexed prior to our review; compendia of documents (PDF binders) will be separated into individual documents, OCR'ed, and indexed prior to our review.