

Modest Means Panel Fee Agreement

Please be advised, the MM clients may not be able to make a large up-front payment for flat fee services or initial retainers. You are encouraged to offer payment plans to these clients. The goal of the program is to provide access to justice for those who do not meet the financial eligibility requirements for legal aid services but cannot afford standard attorney fees and large up-front costs.

If you are awarded attorneys' fees from the opposing party, you may charge your full rate.

Hourly Rates:

Clients with income between:	up to 250% of FPL	251 – 300% of FPL	301 - 325% of FPL
Attorneys may charge up to:	\$80 per hour	\$100 per hour	\$125 per hour

*The reduced hourly rate may be capped at 30 billable hours for the attorney.

Advanced Fees:

Clients with income between:	up to 250% of FPL	251 – 300% of FPL	301 - 325% of FPL
Attorneys may charge up to:	\$500 up front	\$800 up front	\$1,000 up front

*These fees may be accepted via payment plan that you work out with the client. We recommend not beginning work on the case or not filing documents with the court until the fee is paid in full.

Flat Fee Services:

Criminal Expungements:

Clients with income between:	up to 250% of FPL	251 – 300% of FPL	301 - 325% of FPL
Attorneys may charge up to:	\$600	\$800	\$1,000

*These fees may be accepted via payment plan that you can work out with the client with the understanding that the final motion will not be filed until the total fee is paid in full.

Bankruptcy:

The modest means rates are only extended to clients who are trying to save their home.

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Clients with income between:	up to 250% of FPL	251 – 300% of FPL	301 - 325% of FPL
Attorneys may charge up to:	\$600	\$800	\$1,000

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Clients with income between:	up to 250% of FPL	251 – 300% of FPL	301 - 325% of FPL
Attorneys may charge up to:	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$2,500