

## COMPENSATION RATE GUIDELINES

In 1992 the Chief Administrator of the Courts issued an Administrative Order, after consultation with the Administrative Board of the Courts, containing guidelines for the hourly rates of compensation to be paid to nonlawyer professionals appointed pursuant to §35 of the Judiciary Law and §722-c of the County Law, as follows:

	<u>Maximum Hourly Rate</u>
Psychiatrist	\$125
Certified Psychologist	\$ 90
Physician	\$ 200
Certified Social Worker	\$ 45
Licensed Investigator	\$ 32 <sup>1</sup>

The Second Department elaborated on the rates specified above by adding suggested rates, within the OCA guidelines, for other specialties. The ACP Central Office has forwarded those suggestions to all judges and justice throughout the City.

Forensics Experts	\$60
Arson Investigators	
Ballistics	
Fingerprints	
Handwriting	
Polygraph	
Photography	
Scientific Experts	\$75 - \$100
Chemists	
Pharmacologists	
Toxicologists	
Interpreters, Translators	\$30 - \$40
Accountants	\$75- \$100
Accidents Re-Constructionists	\$100

All rates are subject to the statutory maximums for total compensation. Thus, although these suggested rates are generous, within a very few hours, your expert will have reached the statutory cap. Since the statute only permits exceeding the cap in an “extraordinary case”, the expert must be prepared to explain why their services were over the cap.

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<sup>1</sup> For Investigators, mileage allowances is .24¢ per mile, and travel time is billable.