

First Choice Paralegal Group, LLC

**TIME AND COST COMPARISON:
LAWYER WORKING ALONE VS. LAWYER WITH PARALEGAL SUPPORT**

Property Settlement Agreement with no-fault divorce	Without Paralegal		With Paralegal		
	Lawyer Hours	Charges	Lawyer Hours	Paralegal Hours	Charges
Interview with client	2.0	500.00	2.0		500.00
Review with paralegal			.5		125.00
Draft Property Settlement Agreement	1.5	375.00		1.5	200.00
Review draft Agreement	.5	125.00	.5		125.00
Transmit Agreement for client review	.3	75.00		.3	37.50
Finalize Agreement and transmit to opposing	.3	75.00		.3	37.50
Draft Complaint and Notices	.5	125.00		.5	75.00
Review Complaint			.2		50.00
Draft depositions and Final Decree	1.5	375.00		1.5	200.00
Review draft depositions and Decree			.3		75.00
Take Depositions	.4	100.00	.4		100.00
Finalize Decree and depositions for filing	.5	125.00		.5	75.00
TOTAL HOURS SPENT	7.5		3.9	4.6	
TOTAL CLIENT INVOICE		\$1,875.00			\$1,600.00
Note: Assumes lawyer rate \$250 / paralegal rate \$125					

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Chapter 7 Bankruptcy (intake to filing)	Without Paralegal		With Paralegal		
	Lawyer Hours	Charges	Lawyer Hours	Paralegal Hours	Charges
Interview with client	2.0	500.00	2.0		500.00
Review completed questionnaire and documents from client	2.0	500.00		2.0	250.00
Work with client to fill information gaps and gather missing documents (“herding cats phase”)	4.0	1000.00		4.0	500.00
Input petition	1.0	250.00		1.0	125.00
Review petition	.5	125.00	.5		125.00
Meet with client for review/signing	.5	125.00	.5		125.00
File petition	.3	75.00		.3	37.50
TOTAL HOURS SPENT	10.3		3.0	7.3	
TOTAL CLIENT INVOICE		\$2,575.00			\$1,662.50
Note: Assumes lawyer rate \$250 / paralegal rate \$125					