

APPENDIX A: FORENSIC EVALUATION FEE SCHEDULE

San Mateo Superior Court offers a flat rate fee schedule for all court -ordered evaluations and testimony. Effective October 8, 2026, rates are as follows:

Forensic Evaluation Service	Fee
PC 1369 Initial examination and report	\$825.00
PC 1369 Supplemental examination and report	\$500.00
PC 1369 Incomplete Examination Attempt ¹	\$400.00
PC 1026 Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity Pleas	\$750.00
PC 288.1 Evaluation with written report	\$750.00
Felony Mental Health Diversion Assessment Rate Enhancement ²	\$150.00
Differential for non-English speaking defendant ³	\$125.00
Testimony—one half day	\$250.00
Testimony—full day	\$450.00
Compensation for trial preparation in addition to the rate for testimony when required to testify before the court. This includes time spent meeting with defense or prosecution in preparation for testimony.	\$90/hour (maximum of 4 hours)
Cognitive Testing	\$900.00

Requests for fees in excess of the schedule above require prior approval of the court via the process outlined in 8b.

Mileage Reimbursement

Effective January 1, 2024, Examiners are reimbursed at the rate of 76 cents per mile, or the amount allowable by law at the time the amount is claimed, for travel from office to the location where the evaluation is to take place and to court.

¹ An incomplete attempt occurs when a scheduled examination cannot be completed due to circumstances outside of the evaluator's control, including but not limited to defendant refusal or facility access issues. The attempt and circumstances preventing the examination must be documented in the report. This rate is not cumulative – only one incomplete attempt fee may be claimed per referral regardless of the number of attempts made.

² Pursuant to PC 1369(b)(1)(D) defense counsel may request a defendant be evaluated for mental health diversion eligibility. If the CR-169 (Order Appointing Doctors) indicates this has been ordered and the evaluator performs the eligibility determination, this rate enhancement may be billed.

³ Differential paid to the Evaluator, in addition to the examination fee, who conducts the evaluation(s) with a non-English speaking defendant. This must be noted in the evaluator's claim.