IDS-Approved Exceptions to the New Variable Hourly Rates

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Rates apply to sessions on or after October 01, 2026

Please see: How to File Fee Apps for Session Courts using eCourts
https://www.ncids.org/how-to-file-fee-apps-for-session-court-using-ecourts/

County	Court	Type of Case	Approved Exception
Uniform Fee Pilot (Burke, Davidson, Iredell, Lincoln) + Cabarrus Rowan	District court	Most cases resolved in district court	See Uniform and Flat Fee County Rates located at https://www.ncids.org/counsel-rates/
Avery, Madison, Mitchell, Watauga, Yancey	District Court	Treatment Court	$330/Session
Brunswick	District Court	Civil commitments	$85 per hour for all clients represented in a weekly docket. Attorneys should submit one fee app with court docket attached and the client and file numbers listed as "various—[insert court date]."
Brunswick	District Court	Domestic Violence Court, DWI Court, Sex Offender Accountability and Recovery Court, and Mental Health Court	$85 per hour for all clients represented in a court session. Attorneys should submit one fee app with court docket or list of clients attached and the client and file numbers listed as "various—[insert court date]." Attorneys should also indicate the type of treatment court on the fee app.
Buncombe	District Court	Family Drug Treatment Court	$400 per court session (court meets 2 times per month). Attorney should submit one fee app with a list of cases attached and the client and file numbers listed as "various—[insert court date]
Buncombe	District Court	Child support contempt cases	$85 per hour for all clients represented in a court session. Attorneys should submit one fee app with a list of cases attached (incl. client's name, type of hearing, and disposition) and the client and file numbers listed as "various—[insert court date]"
Burke only	District Court	Involuntary commitment cases	$290 per court date (/per week)
Burke and Caldwell	District Court	Child support contempt cases	$490 per child support court date. The attorneys should submit one fee application for each court date, with the client name and file numbers listed as "various—[insert court date]," and should attach a copy of the court docket. $$45 per review hearing *if* the attorney is not already being compensated at the per day rate. [Note: Multiple file numbers mean multiple mothers and multiple hearings, so multiple $40 fees on one fee app can be appropriate ($40 times number of file numbers).]

Burke and Catawba	District Court	Drug treatment court	$490/session
Catawba only	District Court	Child support contempt cases	$470 per child support court date. The attorneys should submit one fee application for each court date, with the client name and file numbers listed as "various—[insert court date]," and should attach a copy of the court docket. $40 per review hearing *if* the attorney is not already being compensated at the per day rate. [Note: Multiple file numbers mean multiple mothers and multiple hearings, so multiple $40 fees on one fee app can be appropriate ($40 times number of file numbers).]
Catawba only	District Court	Involuntary commitment cases	$390 per court date (/per week)
Chatham/Orange	District Court	Child support contempt	* $400 per session; if session exceeds 6 hours, attorneys are reimbursed at $85 per hour for each tenth of an hour in excess of 6 hours
Chatham/Orange	District Court	Involuntary commitment cases	$85 per hour for all clients represented in a court session. Attorneys should submit one fee app with court docket attached
Cumberland	District Court	Involuntary commitment cases	$85 per hour for all clients represented in a court session. Attorneys should submit one fee app with court docket attached and the client and file numbers listed as "various—[insert court date]"
Chatham/Orange	District Court	Child support contempt	* $400 per session; if session exceeds 6 hours, attorneys are reimbursed at $85 per hour for each tenth of an hour in excess of 6 hours
Chatham/Orange	District Court	Involuntary commitment cases	$85 per hour for all clients represented in a court session. Attorneys should submit one fee app with court docket attached and the client and file numbers listed as "various—[insert court date]"
Duplin, Onslow	District Court	Involuntary commitment cases	$85 per case
Durham	District Court	Child support contempt "amnesty day"	$280 per session or $560 per day for 2-3 attorneys to resolve outstanding child support contempt cases. Typically happens once or twice per year. No docket required.
Gaston	District Court	Involuntary commitment cases	$85 per hour for all clients represented in a court session. Attorneys should submit one fee app with court docket attached and the client and file numbers listed as "various—[insert court date]"
Harnett County (eff. 10/1/13). To be expanded into Lee County.	District Court	Veterans Court	$85 per hour for all clients represented in a court session. Attorneys should submit one fee app with court docket or list of clients attached and the client and file numbers listed as "various—[insert court date]"

Mecklenburg	District Court	Child support contempt cases	$330 per regular court session for 2-3 attorneys
Mecklenburg	District Court	Environmental court	$330 per regular monthly morning session. Attorney should complete only one fee application per session for the flat fee of $330, identify the client and file numbers as "various-[insert court date]," and attach a list of the clients represented, the case numbers, and the disposition
Moore	District Court	Veteran's Treatment Court	$85 per hour for all clients represented in a court session (sessions are 3 hours).
Vance	District Court	Child support contempt	$85 per hour for all clients represented in a court session. Attorneys should submit one fee app with court docket attached and the client and file numbers listed as "various—[insert court date]"
Wake	District Court	Child support contempt	* $330 per half-day session (10/01/2026) + attorney can submit separate fee app for any out-of-court hours (10/01/2026)