

Nathan Cloutier: 93 Mill Road Stamford, CT 06903

My name is Nathan Cloutier and I am here to express how important it is for children to have equal access to both parents. Children do not play favorites when it comes to their parents and neither should our courtrooms. I have a 4 1/2 year old daughter whom I love more than anything in the world. It took me 2 1/2 years and \$30,000 to eventually see my child 2 days a week. Because of a hostile parent who did everything she could to eliminate or reduce my daughter's time with me, I was forced to go through parental alienation, heart breaking mental duress, and a considerable amount of money. These facts pale however in comparison to seeing my daughter's eyes not able to understand why she cannot stay any longer with her father. That is the real punishment. And it falls on her. Her right to be with both parents equally is violated.

I do not understand why one parent is able to control the lack of equal time allotment with their mutual child, and why it is so easy to do so. I understand that there are some parents that, for safety's sake, may need some involvement from our court system. But if a parent is fit, why shouldn't our children have the option of spending equal time with each of them?

In my case, in the end when the judge asked my daughter's mother why our daughter shouldn't spend more time with her father, her response was simply that I "am a disruption to their routine". As unparent-like as that may sound, Judge Robert Malone decided that was enough for him to not consider a 50/50 shared parenting situation. I signed up to be a dad. I want to be an equal part of the routine. Even our daughter's GAL and our family services case worker both recommended equal time for my daughter and I commencing upon the start of kindergarten which is approaching this fall 2014. This was to be a defining future provision of our parenting plan. Instead, Judge Malone, our lawyers, and our GAL, went literally behind closed doors, and decided my daughter's fate. Instead of immediate 50/50 shared parenting, my daughter was awarded 2 days a week with her father. Instead of a 50/50 future provision, the provision was thrown out. I am now doomed to another round of family court in order to become a larger part of my child's life.

A lot of things have changed in our society: men used to be the primary providers and women stayed home to watch the kids. As we all know, this is not the case anymore. Today there are many potential situations: Fathers and Mothers, just a Mother, just a Father, Mothers and Mothers or Fathers and Fathers. We are a state that celebrates and encourages diversity. Most importantly, we consider all people to be equal. We need to bring that equality now to both loving fit parents who long to be with their children. One parent is not better than another. One gender is not better than another. To suggest anything else is backward and has no place in this state.

Please give both parents and most importantly our children, the presumption of 50/50 shared parenting now!

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April 28, 2011

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To professional services rendered from January 13, 2011 to date in connection with the matter of **Nathan Cloutier v. Laetitia Lebreton** to include office conferences, telephone conversations, telefax transmissions and e-mail to client, Laetitia Lebreton, Attorney David Wallman, Attorney Lisa Kouzoujian (attorney for minor child); review of existing Court file; review of modification documents; review of stipulated agreement; research regarding Defendant's attorney's contention that the Motion for Modification is moot due to the fact that there was no substantial change in circumstances since the parties last Court date; review of correspondence from Attorney Wallman and Attorney Kouzoujian; review of Defendant's Motion for Modification; appearance in court on April 11, 2011; review of financial information and preparation of financial affidavit; preparation of package for Attorney Kouzoujian.

TOTAL HOURS: 11 @ \$300.00 per hour

AMOUNT DUE FOR SERVICES RENDERED:	\$3,300.00
LESS RETAINER RECEIVED:	<u>-2,500.00</u>
BALANCE DUE:	\$ 800.00

Payment received _____
DMM/sbc

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BILLING STATEMENT

04-25-11	Open file, initial emails and contact with attorneys and parties, review documents provided, file appearance	1.0
05-04-11	Meeting with Loeticia and memo to file	1.3
05-06-11	Meeting with Nathan and memo to file	1.3
05-14-11	Meeting with Juliette at Nathan's home, travel and memo to file	1.3
05-23-11	Meeting with Loeticia in office, memo file	.7
05-29-11	Meeting with Juliette at Loeticia's home, travel and memo to file	1.5
06-01-11	TC with Atty Daniel McCabe (DM)	.1
	TC with Atty David Wallman (DW)	.1
06-12-11	Prepare for court	.7
06-13-11	Court appearance and memo file	1.5
06-15-11	TC with John Magnano re hair test	.2
	TC with DW	.1
	TC with DM	.1
	Numerous emails to and from parties re hair test	.3
06-21-11	Numerous emails to attys and parties re hair test results	.3
06-28/29-11	Numerous emails and calls re extended parenting time for Nathan	.5
07-08-11	TC with Lynne Hone	.4
08-09/10-11	Numerous emails and calls re extended parenting time for Nathan. Parties agreed on a plan (included in email)	.6

08-16-11	Review and respond to emails from Loeticia re her concerns as to Juliette after extended time with Nathan	.5
09-30-11	Meeting with DM and DW re settlement negotiations	.8
10-13-11	TC with parties and Lynne Hone	.4
10-17-11	Review email from Nathan re recap of meeting with Hone	.2
11-30-11	emails to and from Loeticia re meeting in my office which she canceled.	.2
02-21-12	TC with Nathan re progress on case	.2
03-02-12	Visit with Juliette at her daycare, meeting with staff, travel, memo file	2.2
03-05-12	Conference with Atty Julia Von Schilling (JVS), new counsel for Nathan, re overview of case	.4
04-05-12	Court appearance/FRO	1.5
04-09-12	TC with JVS re additional information	.2
04-25-12	Review JVS motions	.2
05-17-12	TC with Allison Kaas, FRO, re study	.5
06-08-12	Court Appearance re: status conference as to FRO report	1.5
06-21-12	Review Attorney Alice McQuaid (AM) proposal for settlement	.2

07-17-12	Review JVS proposal for settlement	.4
07-25-12	Conference with Loeticia and AM Deposition of Loeticia Lebreton	.2 2.2
08-01-12	Meeting with Juliette (and Nathan) in office	.5
08-02-12	Review Transcript of Deposition Prepare for Hearing (8-03-12)	1.0 2.0
Total Hours		27.3
27.3 hours @ \$350 per hour		\$9555.00
Amount Paid:		
Retainer (equally shared by both parties)		5000.00
Request for additional \$5000.00 on 4-10-2012		
Received from Nathan Cloutier		2500.00
Received from Loeticia Lebreton		0.00
Amount Due and Owing		\$2055.00

August 2, 2012

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(From 8-03-12 thru and including 8-08-12)

08-03-12	Court Appearance – Hearing 9:30am thru 1:00 pm and 2:15 pm thru 4:45 pm	6.0
08-08-12	Court Appearance – Hearing 2:00 pm thru 4:45 pm	2.5
Total Hours		8.5
6.0 x \$350 per hour		\$2975.00
Previous Balance		\$2055.00
Total Balance Due		\$5030.00

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1 April 2012

Invoice Number11600

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	AMOUNT
01 Mar 2012	LM Atty McCabe re transfer of file; prepare appearance; e-mail Client re same	0.20	80.00
02 Mar 2012	Telephone conference with Atty McCabe re transfer of file; e-mail Client re same	0.15	60.00
	Telephone conferences with Atty Kouzoujian, Atty Wallman, Atty McCabe's office, clerk's office and Client re motion not appearing on Monday's short calendar	0.35	140.00
	Telephone conferences with Atty Kouzoujian, Atty Wallman, Clerk of Superior Court and Client re failure to mark ready for March 5th	0.35	140.00
06 Mar 2012	Telephone conference with Atty Kouzoujian re reclaim and re role of Father's girlfriend in child's life	0.10	40.00
	Review multiple e-mails from Client and respond to salient items	0.25	100.00
08 Mar 2012	Pick up file from Atty McCabe and conf Atty McCabe	0.20	80.00
09 Mar 2012	Review file from Atty McCabe; LM Client; e-mails Atty Kouzoujian re her collateral contacts and re FRO study	0.80	320.00
	Telephone conference with Client re preparation for arguing motion in Superior Court and re process for bringing case to Middletown, including FRO study	0.40	160.00
12 Mar 2012	Prepare motion to Refer to FRO; e-mail to Client	0.30	120.00
13 Mar 2012	E-mail exchange Atty Wallman and Atty Kouzoujian re my motion for Family Relations referral	0.10	40.00
15 Mar 2012	E-mail Client re our expectations for short calendar	0.10	40.00
20 Mar 2012	E-mail Client re appointment [NO CHARGE]	0.00	0.00
	Review court file in Clerk's office and order copies	0.30	120.00
21 Mar 2012	Conf Client to prepare testimony for Monday's hearing	2.50	1,000.00
22 Mar 2012	Telephone conference with Client re providing a copy of journal to me	0.05	20.00

	Review Atty Wallman's request for audiovisual equipment	0.05	20.00
	Telephone conference with Client re same and view video	0.20	80.00
	Legal Research re admissibility of video evidence	1.00	400.00
23 Mar 2012	Telephone conference with Atty Wallman re procedures in court on Monday	0.10	40.00
26 Mar 2012	E-mail exchange Atty Wallman re Family Relations study and my motion on Monday's calendar pertaining thereto	0.15	60.00
	Attend Court to argue Motion for Modification; conf Attys Wallman and Kouzoujian in Judge Malone's Chambers; meet with Atty Rosenstein to attempt to settle parenting issues; conf Client re same; telephone conference with Atty Wallman re Father's ability to take child from day care	2.50	1,000.00
27 Mar 2012	Review e-mail from Atty Wallman re my Client's request for 50 / 50 access	0.05	20.00
	Draft stipulation re referral to FRD; e-mail Attys Wallman and Kouzoujian re same	0.30	120.00
	E-mail exchange Attys Kouzoujian and Wallman re FRD referral; telephone conference with Atty Kouzoujian re her availability for intake	0.15	60.00
28 Mar 2012	Telephone conference with Atty Kouzoujian re her additional work needed in response to Father's claim for equal parenting time and her request for collateral sources	0.20	80.00
	Telephone conference with Client re collateral sources and parenting education; e-mail exchange Client re appointment with Family Relations; e-mail exchange counsel re FRD appointment; telephone conference with FRD	0.50	200.00
	Review e-mail from Atty Wallman with signed stipulation and deliver same to Atty Kouzoujian	0.05	20.00
30 Mar 2012	Conf Atty Kouzoujian re stipulation to refer to FRD	0.10	40.00
	E-mail exchange Client re parenting classes; e-mail Atty Kouzoujian re same	0.15	60.00
	Totals	11.65	\$4,660.00
	Total Fees, Disbursements		\$4,660.00
	Previous Balance		\$0.00
	Previous Payments		\$0.00
	Balance Due Now		\$4,660.00

TRUST STATEMENT

		Disbursements	Receipts
Mar-21-12	Received From: Nathan Cloutier Retainer - N. Cloutier		7,500.00
	Total Trust	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
	Trust Balance		\$7,500.00

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1 August 2012

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	AMOUNT
02 Jul 2012	Telephone conference with Atty Kouzoujian re deposition of Mother.	0.50	200.00
03 Jul 2012	Prepare notice of deposition.	0.25	100.00
09 Jul 2012	E-mail exchange Client re proposed parenting plan, deposition and last week's longer parenting time.	0.35	140.00
10 Jul 2012	E-mail exchange Client re status conference and deposition.	0.50	200.00
	E-mail exchange Client re date of deposition; re notice of deposition and telephone conference with Atty McQuaid re same.	0.25	100.00
11 Jul 2012	E-mail exchange Client re proposed parenting plan.	0.10	40.00
	PC Client re counter proposal to Atty McQuaid.	0.15	60.00
17 Jul 2012	Attend status conference before Judge Novack; confs Client, Atty Kouzoujian, Atty McQuaid.	1.00	400.00
18 Jul 2012	Telephone conference with Atty Kouzoujian re possibility of a pre-trial.	0.20	80.00
24 Jul 2012	Telephone conference with Client re his attendance at deposition.	0.05	20.00
25 Jul 2012	Prepare for deposition of Mother and conduct deposition of Mother; conf Atty Kouzoujian and Atty McQuaid re possible settlement and re testimony in court.	3.50	1,400.00
27 Jul 2012	Telephone conference with Client re deposition and re preparation for trial.	0.20	80.00
30 Jul 2012	Review deposition transcript for Mother.	0.35	140.00
31 Jul 2012	Prepare Client's testimony; e-mail deposition transcript for guardian ad litem.	2.20	880.00
	E-mail exchange Client re Mother's e-mails to him about parenting time.	0.15	60.00
	Prepare testimony notes.	0.50	200.00

Totals	10.25	\$4,100.00
Total Fees, Disbursements		\$4,100.00
Previous Balance		\$1,880.00
Previous Payments		\$1,880.00
Balance Due Now		\$4,100.00

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1 June 2012

Invoice Number 11607

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	AMOUNT
27 Apr 2012	Telephone conference with Client re results of first FRD meeting; telephone conference with GAL re same	0.45	180.00
30 May 2012	Telephone conference with Atty Kouzoujian re status conference [NO CHARGE]	0.00	0.00
	E-mail exchange Atty Kouzoujian re upcoming status conference	0.10	40.00
	Totals	0.55	\$220.00
	Total Fees, Disbursements		\$220.00
	Previous Balance		\$6,860.00
	Previous Payments		\$6,860.00
	Balance Due Now		\$220.00

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1 May 2012
Invoice Number11601

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	AMOUNT
02 Apr 2012	Appear before Judge Emmons to file Stipulation re referral to Family Relations; conf Lori Gayle at FRD re intake on Thursday	0.70	280.00
	E-mail counsel and Client re intake on Thursday	0.10	40.00
	Telephone conference with Lori Gayle of FRD; LM Jeff Diamond re appointment for intake	0.15	60.00
03 Apr 2012	E-mail exchange Attys Kouzoujian and Wallman re status conference and FRD intake	0.10	40.00
05 Apr 2012	Attend Status Conference before Judge Novack; conf Family Relations Department; prepare stipulation re parenting education program and re FRD issue-focused evaluation and re Father's parenting time on alternating Wednesdays; conf Atty Kouzoujian re her reservations, conf Client	2.00	800.00
06 Apr 2012	E-mail exchange Atty Wallman re yesterday's conf with FRD	0.10	40.00
09 Apr 2012	Telephone conference with client re text exchanges with Mother on Child's birthday; conf David Wallman re same Conf Atty Kouzoujian re her need for additional inquiry and re my motions for physical and psychological examination of Mother and re Mother's text message to Father on child's birthday; telephone conference with Client re same	0.10	40.00
	E-mail Client re independent physical and mental exams of parties, Family Relations meeting, parenting education	0.20	80.00
	E-mail exchange Client re parenting classes	0.10	40.00
17 Apr 2012	Conf Client re physical and psychological evaluations; re parenting and Family Relations Evaluation; conf Client and GAL re same	0.05	20.00
23 Apr 2012	Draft and file motion for physical exam and motion for psychological exam	1.15	460.00
25 Apr 2012		0.75	300.00

Totals	5.50	\$2,200.00
Total Fees, Disbursements		\$2,200.00
Previous Balance		\$4,660.00
Previous Payments		\$0.00
Balance Due Now		\$6,860.00

Laywer and GAL Fees	\$ 27,520.00
Counseling Fees	\$ 1,450.00
Court Fees	\$ 500.00
Lost Productivity	125+hours
	\$ 29,470.00

