

**DAKOTA COUNTY FAMILY COURT DIVISION**  
**FINANCIAL EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATION (FENE)**  
**FEE STRUCTURE**

Each party is responsible for payment of fees for FENE, which shall be individually determined using the fee structure set forth below.

Each FENE evaluator is required to accept no fee/low fee (total fee of \$50/hour or less) cases if selected by the parties. No evaluator shall be required to accept more than four no fee/low fee cases in any given calendar year.

I. Represented parties (non-pro-bono attorney):

If a party is represented by an attorney, then the party's hourly FENE rate shall be one-half the hourly rate charged by the party's attorney. If a party is represented by more than one attorney, then the party's hourly FENE rate shall be one-half the highest hourly attorney rate charged to the party.

II. Unrepresented parties and parties with pro-bono (no fee) representation:

If a party is not represented by an attorney, or is represented by a pro-bono attorney, then the party shall pay FENE fees according to the following sliding-fee scale:

<b>Party's Gross Income</b>	<b>Party's FENE Fees</b>
<i>In Forma Pauperis</i> (IFP)	Flat fee of \$50 for each FENE session
\$0 to \$25,000	\$25 per hour
\$25,001 to \$50,000	\$50 per hour
\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$75 per hour
>\$101,000	\$150 per hour