

Time Chart -- Contested Termination of Parent Rights and Appeal

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LEGAL REPRESENTATION WORKGROUP**CONTESTED TERMINATION CASE****CASE HOURS**

TASK	TIME ESTIMATE-- CHILD	TIME ESTIMATE -- PARENT
Prepare/file entry of appearance	0.5	0.5
Review file, records	6	6
Communicate & prep client		2.5
Contact with/prep potential witness(es)	3	3
Contact with other counsel	0.5	0.5
Prepare and serve subpoena(s)	0.5	1
Conduct legal research	2	2
Prepare/file pre-trial statement	1.5	1.5
Prepare for hearing/case prep/exhibits	6	6
Attend termination hearing(s), including travel	4	4
Write proposed findings of fact/conclusions of law, closing argument – (6 hours but doesn't happen in all cases; adjusted to 2 hours)	2	2
TOTAL: CONTESTED TERMINATION CASE	26	29

TPR (OR OTHER) APPEAL

TASK	TIME ESTIMATE -- APPELLEE	TIME ESTIMATE-- APPELLANT
Client consultation		1.5
Notice of appeal, Rule 1925(b) Statement & related docs		1.5
Review transcript(s), trial court opinion, briefs	5	5
Review appellate record, including travel	1	1
Conduct legal research	4	4
Write appeal brief	25	30
Prepare brief for filing	4	4
File brief, including travel	0.5	0.5
Prepare for oral argument	10	10
Attend oral argument, including travel and down time in court	4	4
TOTAL: APPEAL	53.5	61.5