

STATE OF MICHIGAN
MIDLAND COUNTY PROBATE COURT

File No. 21-1959-TV

Hon. Dorene S. Allen

In re the Trust for the benefit of Anne R. Wolfe

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OBJECTION

NOW COMES Hal Wolff, (“Petitioner”) states:

1. A major portion of Attorney Weiler’s billings came in the form of half hour entries. 128 out of his 248 total entries were for a half hour. (This represents 52% of his entries, and totaled \$21,588 of his billings, or 34.4% of his total (personal) billings. (Only 2 of his 248 entries were for less than 0.5 hours, one at 0.4 and one at 0.3.)
2. In stark contrast, 86% of Attorney Phillips’ noted entries were less than a half hour, and 76% of Attorney Malicoat’s entries as well. It seems very clear that Attorney Weiler’s standard for billing is a half hour minimum, and is likely a highly inflated amount.
3. As proof, using data from the other attorneys’ time records, 7 entries overlap as duplicate events – those being phone calls that two parties participated in. Attorney Weiler billed the 7 for an average of 0.46 hours. The other two billed for an average of 0.17 hours for the very same events. Or 38% of the hours billed by Attorney Weiler for the same events.
4. Given the large portion of Attorney Weiler’s half hour entries, this could represent a large over-billing of as much as \$13,000 if the same % is extrapolated over all of Attorney Weiler’s half hour entries. (Also, he made 13 separate entries to “review pleadings”.)

PETITIONER REQUESTS that this honorable Court

1. Request an explanation of the billing practices of Attorney Weiler, how he accounts for the excessively large amount of half hour entries (and dearth of entries of less than that amount), and how he accounts for the direct discrepancies in the time billed for the aforementioned phone calls if it is for any reason other than his standard billing practice.
2. Award such relief as is fair, just, and equitable.

Dated: 3/25/2024

Hal Wolff