

The normal comprehensive price for my being your officiant is \$500. I do not make you choose from a menu. I do not add on extra costs for this or that detail or service. The bulk of what I do for you as your officiant remains consistent no matter what the size of your wedding. I work equally hard for each couple to make sure you have the ceremony that you and your guests will remember. I meet with both the bride and groom together, get to know each of you personally and then as a couple, and write a unique ceremony for you that will include your stories and be an engaging and fun celebration of your marriage.

Nevertheless, if you are having a small family wedding in your home or outside in an informal public area, I can and will adjust my price downward. If you are having a wedding at a venue that is more than 40 miles from my home in Baltimore, I can and probably will adjust my prices slightly upward. If I have to drive 50 miles or more distant from Baltimore, I will ask for overnight accommodations so that I can attend your rehearsal. But \$500 is the normal comprehensive fee.

Normally, I require a 50% deposit at the time we sign a contract and the remaining 50% no later than 2 weeks before the wedding, long after your ceremony is written and approved. If your wedding is more than a year out, I may drop my deposit to \$100, and the rest is split between the time of our first meeting and the two week deadline before the wedding.

For this amount you get:

- A simple contract that guarantees you the date in my calendar and sets my fee.
- A substantial meeting with me a few months before your wedding so that I get to know you
- My writing a first draft of your ceremony based upon our meeting
- My offering you resources from which to choose (a list of readings, a “vow kit” should you want to see instructions on how to write a vow, scripts for sub-ceremonies etc.)
- The freedom and opportunity to respond and edit the first and all subsequent drafts of your ceremony until it says what you want it to say.
- My leading or at least attending your rehearsal
- My arrival at your ceremony almost an hour ahead of time so that I can meet with your planner, your photographer, your DJ or musicians, and your family and wedding party, to make sure that we are solidly coordinated, and you can relax and enjoy your ceremony
- My presiding at your ceremony (read my reviews!)
- My completing your State paperwork to make your marriage legal in the State of Maryland or DC.
- From the time we sign a contract, my availability to you for any questions or concerns, even if it is after the wedding.

If you hire me as your officiant, you will be hiring a professional with deep experience, a warm and supportive presence, and your best interests at heart.