

FEE BILL



FOR THE OFFICE OF REGISTER OF WILLS AND CLERK OF THE ORPHANS' COURT

Adopted by the
Washington County Court of Common Pleas
Pursuant to Acts No. 18 and 69 of 1994
and recorded in the Register of Wills Office
at 63-04-1251

-- Effective date December 8, 2009 --

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REGISTER OF WILLS

Fees attached to the filing of Petitions for Grant of Letters include the cost of filing renunciations, bonds (when applicable) and death certificates. Also, petition fee includes two (2) Short Certificates. Cost chargeable to estate, including Real Estate as well as personalty, must be paid **in advance** as follows:

GRANT OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY, LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, ADMINISTRATION CTA, AND ANCILLARY LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON ESTIMATED GROSS VALUE

\$10,000.00 or less	\$ 35.00*
\$10,001.00 - \$30,000.00	\$ 75.00*
\$30,001.00 - \$50,000.00	\$125.00*
\$50,001.00 - \$100,000.00	\$150.00*
\$100,001.00 - \$200,000.00	\$250.00*
\$200,001.00 - \$300,000.00	\$350.00*
\$300,001.00 - \$400,000.00	\$450.00*
\$400,001.00 - \$500,000.00	\$550.00*

Each additional \$100,000.00 over \$500,000.00
or fraction thereof \$100.00

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION LITIGATION \$ 75.00*

When the value of an estate is underestimated in the application for letters, the balance will be collected when the Inventory is filed. The inventory is to be filed no later than the date of the filing of the account or the due date for the Pennsylvania Inheritance Tax Return. 20 Pa. C.S.A. 3301(a)(b)(c)

**For purposes of Section 3733(a.1.) of the Judicial Code, 42 Pa.C.S.(a.1.) as amended, a statutory fee of \$23.50 shall be imposed on all Petitions for Grant of Letters. Also, a \$5.00 County automation fee will be applied to all filings requiring the JCP surcharge.*

AMENDED LETTERS++	\$ 40.00
DUPLICATE LETTERS	\$ 30.00
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION DBN++	\$ 40.00
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION DBNCTA++	\$ 40.00
PROBATE ONLY	\$ 50.00

++(Inc. 2 Short Certificates)

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REGISTER OF WILLS

MISCELLANEOUS

AFFIDAVIT	\$ 5.00
BOND	\$ 20.00
COUNTY COMPUTERIZATION FEE	\$ 5.00
CAVEAT	\$ 50.00
CODICILS	\$ 25.00
COMMISSION FOR TEN-DAY LETTER (per name) ...	\$ 10.00
DEATH CERTIFICATE - RECORDING	\$ 25.00
DEPOSITION (Testimony of out-of-county Executor/Administrator).....	\$ 25.00
DISCLAIMER/ASSIGNMENTS	\$ 20.00
EXEMPLIFICATION - filing.....	\$ 35.00
EXEMPLIFIED COPY OF RECORD - Base.....	\$ 25.00+
\$1.00 per page	
\$3.00 triple gold seal	
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH	\$ 10.00
INVENTORY – Estate.....	\$ 10.00
Amended/Supplemental.....	\$ 10.00
REGISTER’S HEARING	\$ 50.00
SHORT CERTIFICATE	\$ 4.00
SHORT CERTIFICATE - UPDATED	\$ 2.00
COMMISSION CHARGED ON MONEY IN COURT	5%

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REGISTER OF WILLS

INHERITANCE TAX DIVISION

Inheritance Tax Returns are due nine months from the date of death.

All Inheritance Tax Returns **MUST BE FILED IN DUPLICATE.**

File applicable schedules only. Schedules marked "none" should not be filed.

All Inheritance Tax Returns should include **AT LEAST** the following schedules:

- RECAPITULATION (COVER) SHEET
- SCHEDULE H (debts and deductions)
- SCHEDULE J (beneficiaries)
- ANY ADDITIONAL SCHEDULES PERTINENT TO THE ESTATE
- COPY OF WILL (if any) attached to copy of the return

All Inheritance Tax payment checks must be made payable to:
REGISTER OF WILLS, AGENT

Filing fees for Inheritance Tax Returns:

When no Letters issued.....	\$ 25.00
When Letters issued.....	\$ 5.00
Amended/Supplemental returns.....	\$ 5.00
Tax Certification	\$ 15.00
(Taxes Paid/No Assets, etc.)	
Inheritance Tax Appeal	\$ 25.00

All fees due the Register of Wills, including the balance on letters, must be paid in full before any finalization/estate settlement will be accepted for filing.

A County computerization fee in the amount of \$5.00 will be attached to all filings requiring the State JCP fee and Marriage License.

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ORPHANS' COURT

ACCOUNTS

ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS, GUARDIANS, AND TRUSTEES

Includes Account, Petition Sur Audit, Advertising, Proofs of Publication, Certification to Orphans' Court, Audit Decree, Certification of Real Estate, Receipts and Releases.

TOTAL INVENTORY UNDER \$10,000.00	\$ 55.00
\$10,001.00 - \$30,000.00	\$155.00
\$30,001.00 - \$50,000.00	\$210.00
\$50,001.00 - \$100,000.00	\$265.00
\$100,001.00 - \$250,000.00	\$400.00
\$250,001.00 - \$500,000.00	\$540.00
Each additional \$100,000.00 over \$500,000.00 or fraction thereof	\$100.00
AMENDED ACCOUNT	\$ 30.00
ACCOUNT-RECORDED (not going to Audit).....	\$ 30.00

ORPHANS' COURT

MISCELLANEOUS

ADOPTIONS - All Papers	\$173.50*
(includes State JCP Surcharge & County Computerization fee)	
ADDITIONAL CHILD	
Same adopting parents	\$ 93.50*
(includes State JCP Surcharge & County Computerization fee)	
Individual case numbers will be assigned to each child.	
REPORT OF INTENTION TO ADOPT	\$ 75.00
(Act 34 Fund)	
FOREIGN ADOPTIONS	\$ 75.00
AFFIDAVIT	\$ 5.00
ANSWERS	\$ 15.00
APPEAL	
To Orphans' Court.....	\$ 30.00
To Appellate Court	\$ 60.00
Includes filing, certifying, and transmitting record to Appellate	

Court. Also, check in the amount of \$60.00 payable to the Prothonotary of the appropriate Court must accompany Appeal.

BIRTH AND DEATH

Certification from Record..... \$ 10.00

CITATION

Each Respondent..... \$ 10.00

CLAIM \$ 25.00

ESTATES

Settlement of Small Estate \$ 60.00

Family Settlement Agreement \$100.00

Supplemental/Amended Family Settlement Agreement... \$ 50.00

ELECTION

To Take in Kind \$ 25.00

To Take Under/Against the Will..... \$ 25.00

GUARDIANSHIP

Incapacitated \$113.50*

*Includes Original Petition & Order, Citation and Affidavit of Service on Incapacitated person, filing Bond, Final Order/one certified copy of same, guardian inventory, and annual report of guardian thereafter. Also includes State JCP Surcharge and County automation fee.

Minors..... \$ 73.50*

All Papers

Successor Guardian..... \$ 25.00

Ad Litem \$ 25.00

MARRIAGE

Application and License \$ 40.00

(Includes PA Tax and PA Surcharges, and County Automation Fee)

Parental Consent..... \$ 10.00

Petition and Order under 16 years old \$ 10.00

Petition and Order to waive the waiting period (excluding Military) \$ 10.00

Petition and Order to correct record..... \$ 25.00

Certified Copy of Marriage License \$ 10.00

Certified Copy of Marriage License Application .. \$ 10.00

*Includes State Judicial Computer Processing Surcharge and County Computerization Fee.

MISCELLANEOUS

Attest	\$ 2.00
Affidavit of Foreign Fiduciary.....	\$ 25.00
Certified Copy of Record - base	\$ 10.00
Additional per page	\$ 1.00
Judgment.....	\$ 25.00
Memorandum	\$ 25.00
Qualifications of Corporate Fiduciary/Surety.....	\$ 25.00
Xerox Copies.....	\$ 1.00

MOTIONS \$ 15.00

OBJECTIONS/EXCEPTIONS..... \$ 25.00

ORDERS/DECREES..... \$ 10.00

PETITIONS..... \$ 15.00

PRAECIPE FOR APPEARANCE/WITHDRAWAL..... \$ 5.00

REAL ESTATE

Petition and Order authorizing Clerk to Convey real estate	\$ 30.00
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RECEIPT AND RELEASE \$ 3.00

SATISFACTION OF CLAIM/JUDGMENT \$ 15.00

STIPULATION \$ 20.00

SUBPOENAS..... \$ 5.00

TRUST \$ 30.00

Petition and Order for Appointment of Trustee ...	\$ 63.50*
Administration Terminations.....	\$ 40.00
Discharge of Trustee and Appointment of Successor.....	\$ 40.00

WITHDRAWAL OF CLAIM..... \$ 15.00

*Includes State Judicial Computer Processing Surcharge and County Computerization Fee.

For purposes of Section 3733 (a.1.) of the Judicial Code, 42 Pa. C.S. 3733 (a.1.), as amended, a statutory fee of \$23.50 shall be imposed on all first filings in petitions concerning adoptions, guardianship estates, and inter-vivos trusts.

In cases not specifically provided for, the Register shall make the same charges as that imposed for services of a substantially similar nature.

ESCALATION CLAUSE:

The fees cited herein may be increased in an amount up to and including 25% of the January 1, 2005 fees at the discretion of the Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court.

ATTEST:

Mary Jo Poknis
Clerk of Orphans' Court