

Lawrence County Register of Wills

FEE SCHEDULE

Effective November 30, 2017 at 4:00 PM

Note: All Probate and first filings must be accompanied by a Death Certificate

PROBATE OF WILL (Without Letters)

Judicial Computer System/Access to Justice/Criminal Justice Enhancement Account fee	\$ 40.25
Automation Fee	\$ 10.00
Last Will and Testament	\$ 40.00

GRANTING LETTERS TESTAMENTARY and LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Judicial Computer System/Access to Justice/Criminal Justice Enhancement Account fee	\$ 40.25
Automation Fee	\$ 10.00
Will/Codicil	\$ 20.00

FOR ESTATE VALUES:

NOT EXCEEDING	\$ 5,000.00.....	\$ 40.00
From \$ 5,001.00 to	\$ 10,000.00.....	\$ 60.00
From \$ 10,001.00 to	\$ 20,000.00.....	\$ 70.00
From \$ 20,001.00 to	\$ 30,000.00.....	\$ 80.00
From \$ 30,001.00 to	\$ 40,000.00.....	\$ 90.00
From \$ 40,001.00 to	\$ 50,000.00.....	\$ 100.00
From \$ 50,001.00 to	\$ 75,000.00.....	\$ 120.00
From \$ 75,001.00 to	\$ 100,000.00.....	\$ 150.00
Each additional \$100,000.00 or fraction thereof.....		\$ 100.00
First \$1 million.....		\$1000.00
Each additional \$100,000.00 or fraction thereof.....		\$ 100.00

- Where the gross value of an estate has been underestimated on the Petition for Letters, a bill for Addition Probate Fees will be rendered for the balance due.
- Additional Probate Fees will be due and payable within thirty (30) days from the date of the billing statement. Any balances more than thirty (30) days in arrears will be charged interest at the rate of 1% per month.
- All fees must be paid in full before any finalization/estate settlement will be accepted for filing.

RENUNCIATIONS – per signature \$ 5.00

SHORT CERTIFICATES – each \$ 5.00

CODICIL \$ 20.00

LETTERS (Administration DBN & DBN CTA) \$ 40.00

PETITIONS (*ie.* Petition to Compel Administration) \$ 25.00

Citations – each \$ 20.00

Certified Mail – each \$ 10.00

ANCILLARY LETTERS (Follow regular estate fee schedule based on PA assets only.)

AFFIDAVIT OF DEATH	\$ 10.00
AMENDMENT TO PROBATE	
Within 3 months from date of probate (Petition to the Register of Wills)	\$ 30.00
After 3 months from date of probate (Petition to Orphans' Court)	
APPEAL FROM REGISTER (Filed in Orphans' Court)	
AUTOMATION FEE	\$ 10.00
To be charged on all first filings requiring JCS/ATJ fee	
BOND	\$ 20.00
CAVEAT (filing and entering) + Bond	\$ 25.00
CERTIFICATION OF RECORD (w/cover sheet & gold seal)	\$ 10.00
+ per page certified	\$ 3.00
CERTIFICATION OF INHERITANCE TAX PAID	
Issuing Certificate to another county	\$ 20.00
Filing from another county	\$ 10.00
CITATIONS - each	\$ 20.00
Certified Mail – each	\$ 10.00
CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATE (filed in Orphans' Court)	
Copy filed with Register of Wills	\$ 10.00
COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH	\$ 25.00
COPIES (per page)	\$.50
By mail ~ postage and handling	\$ 2.00
DISCLAIMER OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST (filed in Orphans' Court)	
ELECTION TO TAKE AGAINST WILL (filed in Orphans' Court)	
EXEMPLIFICATION - ISSUING & FILING	\$ 30.00
+ per page	\$ 3.00
FAMILY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT	\$ 50.00
FINAL ACCOUNT (filed in Orphans' Court)	
INVENTORY	\$ 20.00
INHERITANCE TAX RETURN	\$ 20.00
MISCELLANEOUS FILINGS	\$ 10.00
PRAECIPE OF APPEARANCE	\$ 10.00
PRAECIPE OF WITHDRAWAL	\$ 10.00
RECEIPT AND RELEASE	\$ 10.00
	per legatee

REGISTER'S HEARINGS	\$ 50.00
<i>(If Court Reporter is requested, it's at Attorney's expense.)</i>	
Citations – each	\$ 20.00
Certified Mail – each	\$ 10.00
RESEARCH FEE	
Per name – per record searched	\$ 5.00
+ per page copied	\$.50
Screen shots & docket entries – per page	\$ 1.00
By mail – postage & handling	\$ 2.00
RETURNED CHECKS	
Re-processing fee	\$ 30.00
+ original amount (Cashier's checks only)	
SMALL ESTATES AFFIDAVIT	\$ 25.00
STIPULATION	\$ 25.00
SUPOENA	\$ 10.00
WAIVER	\$ 10.00

NOTE: If a fee is not specifically listed, the Register of Wills shall make the same charge as that imposed for other services of a similar nature.

Fee Schedule History

Act 57 of 1981	Register of Wills Fees set by General Assembly of PA
Act 82 of 1990	Allows Register of Wills to establish fees with approval of President Judge – 60 day window – thereafter increased only by Act of General Assembly Approved by President Judge Glenn McCracken – September 1990
Act 69 of 1993	Amended to allow increase of Register of Wills fees as determined by Register of Wills and the President Judge
Act 122 of 2002	Imposed by Supreme Court - Judicial Computer Program \$10.00
Act 49 of 2009	Imposed by Supreme Court - Judicial Computer System/Access to Justice/Criminal Justice Enhancement Account ~ additional \$13.50
Jan. 2, 2010	Fee Schedule increase approved by President Judge Dominick Motto December 4, 2009
Act 113 of 2014	Imposed by Supreme Court – Judicial Computer System/Access to Justice/Criminal Justice Enhancement Account ~ additional \$2.00
Act 126 of 2014	Imposed by Supreme Court – Judicial Computer System/Access to Justice/Criminal Justice Enhancement Account ~ additional \$10.00
Acts 40 & 44 of 2017	Imposed by Supreme Court – Judicial Computer System/Access to Justice/Criminal Justice Enhancement Account ~ additional \$4.75