

**FORT BEND COUNTY CLERK'S
PROBATE FEE SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE: JANUARY 1, 2010**

V.A.C. S. Article 3930(b), Sec. 1 and Sec. 118 Local Government Code 2

NEW CASES:

- LETTERS TESTAMENTARY - Sec. 81 TPC**
- MUNIMENT OF TITLE - Sec. 89A TPC**
- LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION - Sec. 82 TPC**
- TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATION - Sec. 131A TPC**
- ADMINISTRATION W/WILL- Sec. 154 TPC**
- APPLICATION FOR NO ADMINISTRATION - Sec. 139 TPC**
- FOREIGN WILL W/LETTERS - Sec. 95 TPC**
- HEIRSHIP - Sec. 49 TPC**
- RECEIVERSHIP - Sec. 885 TPC**

County Clerk	\$ 44.00
County Judge	\$ 2.00
Constable	\$ 65.00
Law Library	\$ 30.00
Judicial Training	\$ 5.00
Appellant Fee	\$ 5.00
Court Reporter	\$ 15.00
Alternative Dispute Resolution	\$ 15.00
Records Management	\$ 5.00
Judicial Fund	\$ 40.00
Support of the Judiciary Fund	\$ 42.00
Courthouse Security	\$ 5.00
BCLSFI	\$ 10.00
Court-initiated Guardianship	\$ 20.00
Court Record Preservation	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 313.00

Fee includes one posted or published citation. Each additional citation issued is \$4.00. Each additional in county service is \$65.00.

- MINOR'S FUND - Sec. 887 TPC**
- COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION - Sec. 155 TPC**
- FOREIGN WILL-NO LETTERS - Sec. 95 TPC**
- TESTAMENTARY TRUST - Sec. 5A TPC**
- SALE MINOR INTEREST W/O GUARDIANSHIP - Sec. 889 TPC**
- COMMUNITY SURVIVOR - Sec 883 & 160 TPC**
- ADJUDICATION INCAPACITATED SPOUSE - Sec. 883/160 TPC**

County Clerk	\$ 40.00
County Judge	\$ 2.00
Law Library	\$ 30.00
Judicial Training	\$ 5.00
Appellant Fee	\$ 5.00
Court Reporter	\$ 15.00
Alternative Dispute Resolution	\$ 15.00
Records Management	\$ 5.00
Judicial Fund	\$ 40.00
Support of the Judiciary Fund	\$ 42.00
Courthouse Security	\$ 5.00
BCLSFI	\$ 10.00
Court-initiated Guardianship	\$ 20.00
Court Record Preservation	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 244.00

Fee does not include any service. Each citation issued is \$4.00. Each in county service is \$65.00.

SMALL ESTATE - Sec. 137 TPC

County Clerk	\$ 40.00
County Judge	\$ 2.00
Law Library	\$ 30.00
Judicial Training	\$ 5.00
Appellant Fee	\$ 5.00
Court Reporter	\$ 15.00
Alternative Dispute Resolution	\$ 15.00
Records Management	\$ 5.00
Judicial Fund	\$ 40.00
Support of the Judiciary Fund	\$ 42.00
Courthouse Security	\$ 5.00
BCLSFI	\$ 10.00
Court-initiated Guardianship	\$ 20.00
Court Record Preservation	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 244.00

Plus recording fee of \$11.00 for the first page and \$4.00 for each additional page.

- GUARDIANSHIP - Sec. 682 & 111 TPC**
- TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP - Sec. 875 TPC**

County Clerk	\$ 48.00
County Judge	\$ 2.00
Law Library	\$ 30.00
Constable	\$ 130.00
Judicial Training	\$ 5.00
Appellant Fee	\$ 5.00
Court Reporter	\$ 15.00
Alternative Dispute Resolution	\$ 15.00
Records Management	\$ 5.00
Judicial Fund	\$ 40.00
Support of the Judiciary Fund	\$ 42.00
Courthouse Security	\$ 5.00
BCLSFI	\$ 10.00
Court-initiated Guardianship	\$ 20.00
Court Record Preservation	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 382.00

Subtract \$65.00 if personal service is out of county. Subtract \$65.00 and \$4.00 if written request for no personal service is filed with clerk.

APPLICATION TO OPEN SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX

County Clerk	\$ 4.00
Records Management	\$ 5.00
Courthouse Security	\$ 5.00
BCLFSI	\$ 10.00
Court Record Preservation	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 34.00

If estate is filed, give it the same number and put it in the same folder. Charge for a new case less Records Management, Courthouse Security and Court Record Preservation

OTHER FEES:

TRANSFER CASES:

NEW CASE: Charge the same as a new case. If service is not needed, subtract fee for issuing and serving.

COUNTER CLAIMS

CROSS ACTIONS

OBJECTIONS

CONTESTS

INTERVENTIONS

INTERPLEADERS

OPPOSITION

County Clerk	\$ 40.00
Appellant Fee	\$ 5.00
Records Management	\$ 5.00
Courthouse Security	\$ 5.00
BCLFSI	\$ 10.00
Court-initiated Guardianship	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 85.00

Each citation issued is \$4.00. Each in county service is \$65.00.

NEW APPLICATION BY SAME APPLICANT IN AN EXISTING ESTATE:

EXAMPLES:

PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP IN A TEMPORARY
 PERMANENT ADMINISTRATION IN A TEMPORARY
 HEIRSHIP IN ADMINISTRATION
 (These are not Associated cases)

County Clerk	\$ 44.00
Constable	\$ 65.00
Records Management	\$ 5.00
Courthouse Security	\$ 5.00
BCLFSI	\$ 10.00
Court-initiated Guardianship	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 149.00

WILLS FOR SAFEKEEPING

County Clerk	\$ 5.00
Records Management	\$ 5.00
Courthouse Security	\$ 1.00
TOTAL	\$ 11.00

ORIGINAL PETITION

**TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER (TRO)
 NEW APPLICANT(S) ON EXISTING ESTATE**

(These are Associated cases)

County Clerk	\$ 40.00
Court Reporter	\$ 15.00
Records Management	\$ 5.00
Courthouse Security	\$ 5.00
BCLFSI	\$ 10.00
Court-initiated Guardianship	\$ 20.00
Court Record Preservation	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 105.00

Plus \$4.00 for each service issued. Plus \$65.00 for each in county service. When a TRO is issued a citation also is issued.

COMMITMENT CASES

County Clerk	\$ 40.00
Constable	\$ 65.00
Law Library	\$ 30.00
Judicial Training	\$ 5.00
Court Reporter	\$ 15.00
Records Management	\$ 5.00
Judicial Fund	\$ 40.00
Support of the Judiciary Fund	\$ 42.00
Courthouse Security	\$ 5.00
BCLFSI	\$ 10.00
Court-initiated Guardianship	\$ 20.00
Court Record Preservation	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 287.00

Do not collect the fee at the time of filing the commitment.

CHARGED FOR AFTER THE 90TH DAY AFTER THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE HAS QUALIFIED TO SERVE OR IF THE COURT GRANTS AN EXTENSION, AFTER THE DATE OF THE EXTENDED DEADLINE SPECIFIED BY THE COURT

Filing an Inventory & Appraisalment \$25.00
 (original, amended or supplemental filing)

Note: The \$2.00 fee for the judge's signature applies on orders if the original application has been on file for 120 days.

DOCUMENTS CHARGED FOR AFTER THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION HAS BEEN ON FILE FOR 120 DAYS:

\$2.00 FEE FOR EACH JUDGES SIGNATURE

Filing an Annual Account or Final Account of the Estate \$25.00*
 (original, amended or supplemental filing)
 *Plus \$2.00 for each Judges signature

Filing Application for Sale of Real or Personal Property \$25.00*
 (original, amended or supplemental filing)
 *Plus \$2.00 for each Judges signature

Filing an Annual or Final Report of Guardian of a Person \$10.00*

(original, amended or supplemental filing)
*Plus \$2.00 for each Judges signature

Bonds are \$3.00 plus \$2.00 for the judge's signature
Oaths are \$2.00

Filing a document over 25 pages \$25.00
*Plus \$2.00 for each Judges signature, if an order is presented with the document.

CLAIMS/County Clerk \$2.00
Plus \$2.00 for the Judge's signature, if an order is presented with the claim.

JURY FEE \$22.00

SERVICE DOCUMENTS:

Order of Sale

All Writs

Issuing before judgment/County Clerk \$4.00
Issuing after judgment/County Clerk \$5.00
Plus \$100.00 for each in county service

ALL OTHER SERVICE DOCUMENTS:

Citation; Notice; Commission to take Deposition; Show Cause;
Subpoena; Precept to Serve; Temporary Restraining Order; Process;
or other instrument or paper authorized or
required to be issued by the Clerk

Issuing before judgment/County Clerk \$4.00
Issuing after judgment/County Clerk \$5.00
Plus \$65.00 for each in county service.

SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

County Clerk \$69.00 includes issuing and service

BILL OF COSTS:

Computer generated \$10.00 each
Others \$20.00 each

ABSTRACT OF JUDGMENT/County Clerk \$2.00

REGISTRY FUND FEE

County Clerk

Interest bearing account
10% of the interest

Non-Interest bearing account
5% of the principle

LETTERS \$2.00

CERTIFICATES \$5.00

Includes certificates on temporary guardianship, certificates of no appeal, etceteras

PROBATE FEE CODES

County Clerk: New case	118.055 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Filing after 120 days	118.056 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Adverse Actions	118.057 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Claims	118.058 & 118.052(2)(D) LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Issuing Citations & Writs Before Judgment After Judgment	118.059 & 118.052(3)(A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 118.0545 & 118.052(1)(i) & 118.052(1)(ii) LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Serving by certified mail Same as Constables' fee	118.063 & 118.052(3)(F) LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Wills for Safekeeping	118.062 & 118.052(3)(E) LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Documents over 25 pages	118.052(2)(B)(vii) LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
County Judge	118.101 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Constable Service Fee Set by Commissioners' Court	118.131 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Law Library Set by Commissioners' Court	323.023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Judicial Training (JTP)	118.064 & 118.0529(2)(A)(vi) LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Appellant Fee Set by Commissioners' Court	22.2021 GOVERNMENT CODE
Court Reporter Courts with official Court Reporters	51.601 GOVERNMENT CODE
Alternative Dispute Resolution Set by Commissioners' Court	152.004 CIVIL PRACTICE & REMEDIES CODE
Records Management and Preservation (Court records)	118.0645 & 118.052(3)(G) LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Records Management and Preservation (Wills for Safekeeping & Beer License)	118.0216 & 118.011(b)(2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Judicial Fund	51.704 (Probate) GOVERNMENT CODE 51.702 (Civil) GOVERNMENT CODE
Support of the Judiciary Fund	133.154 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Courthouse Security Set by Commissioners' Court BCLFSFI	291.008 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 133.153 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

(Basic Civil Legal Service for Indigent)

Supplemental Court-Initiated Guardianship	118.067 & 18.052(2)(E) LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Court Record Preservation Set by Commissioners' Court	51.708 GOVERNMENT CODE
Letters of Representative & Abstract of Judgment	118.061 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Jury Fee	216 TEXAS RULES OF COURT and 51.604 GOVERNMENT CODE
Registry Fund Fee	117.054 & 117.055 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Copies	118.0605 & 118.052(3)(C) LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Certified Copies	118.060 & 118.052(3)(B) LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
Returned Check Fee Set by County Clerk Not to exceed \$35	118.0215 & 118.011(b)(1)LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE