GEORGIA COUNCIL OF PROBATE COURT JUDGES
CHATHAM COUNTY SCHEDULE OF COSTS AND FEES

Schedule of Costs and Fees

Effective January 1, 2025

NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS

1. All sums the court is required to collect under Code Sections 15-23-7 (ADR fees), 15-9-60.1 (Children's Trust Fund fees), 15-21A-6 (Indigent Defense fees), and 36-15-9 (Law Library fees), and any other sums required by law to be collected as add-ons or additions to court costs are **in addition to the sums below**. See Code Sections 15-9-60(b) and 15-21A-6.
2. The costs set forth below are **exclusive of** costs for service of process, fees for publication of citation or notice, and any additional sums as may be provided by law. The cost of service by certified or registered mail or statutory overnight delivery for purposes of service is a cost of service. Likewise, the cost of first-class postage when service is sent in such manner in accordance with law is a cost of service of process. These charges may be added to the court costs if not paid directly by the petitioner.
3. Fees for guardians-ad-litem, court-appointed attorneys, and court-appointed evaluators, when collected by the court, are **in addition to** the above court costs; otherwise, such fees are payable directly to the person providing the service.
4. RECORDING FEES ARE NO LONGER ASSESSED.
5. **PLEASE SEE CHATHAM COUNTY PROBATE COURT FEE CALCULATION AND NOTIFICATION CHARTS FOR ADD-ONS OR COURT COSTS.**

	Code Section 15-9-60	Type of Proceeding, Pleading, Document, Service or Action	GPCSF No., if applicable	Cost	Subject to Indigent Defense Fee of $15 (PIND)	Subject to other add-ons and fees of $5 / $10 (PLL/ADR)	Total Filing Fee *See Chatham County Fee Calculation and Notification Charts for additional Court Costs
	Decedent's Estates						
	NOTE: Except for Temp. Letters of Admin., the Indigent Defense fee of $15 is charged on *EACH petition filed*, even if multiple petitions are filed in a single case. See O.C.G.A. §15-21A-6(b)(1)(A).						
	(e)(1)-(4)	Petition	GPCSF 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10	$175.00	**15**	**15**	**$205.00**
	"	Any other petition concerning a decedent's estate	GPCSF 2, 8, 13, 17, 18, 32, 33, 71, 72	$175.00	**N**	**15**	**$190.00**
	"	Motion, response, request, citation, or caveat		$75.00	**N**	**N**	**$75.00**
	"	Fiduciary Compliance Report WITH assets		$40.00	**N**	**N**	**$40.00**
	"	Fiduciary Compliance Report WITH NO assets		No Fee	**N**	**N**	**No Fee**
	Minor Guardianships/Conservatorships						
	NOTE: In ALL minor guardianship/conservatorship cases, the Indigent Defense fee of $15.00 is charged *ONE TIME ONLY* on the first proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the probate court is first invoked with regard to a named minor. In the list below, "FF" denotes the proceedings to which the fee may apply. See O.C.G.A. §15-21A-6(b)(1)(B).						

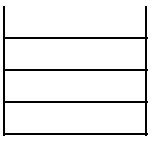
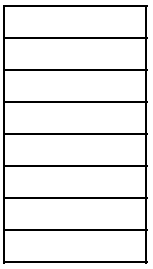
	(f)(1)-(6)	Petition [not including petition for temporary letters of guardianship]		$175.00	**15**	**15**	**$205.00**
	"	*Subsequent* Petition		$175.00	**N**	**15**	**$190.00**
	"	Petition for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of Minor	GPCSF 28	$125.00	**N**	**15**	**$140.00**
	"	Motion, response, request, citation, or caveat		$75.00	**N**	**N**	**$75.00**
	"	Petition to Terminate Temporary Guardianship of Minor		$40.00	**N**	**15**	**$55.00**
	"	Fiduciary Compliance Report WITH assets		$40.00	**N**	**N**	**$40.00**
	"	Fiduciary Compliance Report WITH NO assets		No Fee	**N**	**N**	**No Fee**
	Adult Guardianships/Conservatorships						
	NOTE: In ALL adult guardianship/conservatorship cases, the Indigent Defense fee of $15.00 is charged *ONE TIME ONLY* on the first proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the probate court is first invoked with regard to a named adult. In the list below, "FF" denotes the proceedings to which the fee may apply. See O.C.G.A. §15-21A-6(b)(1)(C).						
	(g)(1)-(4)	Petition		$ 175.00	**15**	**15**	**$205.00**
	"	*Subsequent* Petition		$ 175.00	**N**	**15**	**$190.00**
	"	Motion, response, request, citation, or caveat		$ 75.00	**N**	**N**	**$75.00**
	"	Fiduciary Compliance Report WITH assets		$ 40.00	**N**	**N**	**$40.00**
	"	Fiduciary Compliance Report WITH NO assets		No Fee	**N**	**N**	**No Fee**
	Involuntary Treatment, habilitation, temporary placement or any other filing under Title 31						
	(h)(1)-(3)	Petition		$ 175.00	**N**	**15**	**$190.00**
	"	Motion, response, request, citation, or caveat		$ 75.00	**N**	**N**	**$75.00**
	"	Petition or Affidavit in support, or issuance of an OTA		No Fee	**N**	**N**	**No Fee**
	Other Actions						
	(i)	Petition to Establish Custodial Account	GPCSF 22	8% of fund	**N/A**	**N/A**	**8% of fund**
	(j)	For all services rendered by the judge or clerk of the probate court in the exercise of concurrent jurisdiction pursuant to Code Section 15-9-127 for which no cost is set forth in this Code section, the sums charged shall be the same as those charged for such services in the superior court pursuant to Code Section 15-6-77 or other applicable law *(Declaratory Judgments; Estate Planning; Approval of Settlement Agreements; Trusts; POAs; Construction of Will)*		$58.00	**15**	**15**	**$88.00**
	Miscellaneous and Administrative Actions						
	(k)(1)-(34)	Issuance of a veteran's license		No Fee	**N**	**N**	**No Fee**
	"	Issuance of writ of fieri facias		No Fee	**N**	**N**	**No Fee**
	"	Copies, per page		$1.00	**N**	**N**	**$1.00**
	"	Certificate of residence		$10.00	**N**	**N**	**$10.00**

	"	Certified copies of Letters , each		$10.00	N	N	$10.00
	"	Certification of publication for insurance company charter		$10.00	N	N	$10.00
	"	Certification under seal of copies		$10.00	N	N	$10.00
	"	For filing of a bond of official, officer, or employee of any municipality or authority within county		$10.00	N	N	$10.00
	"	For filing of bond of county official or officer		No Fee	N	N	No Fee
	"	For examination of records or files by employee of the probate court to provide abstract of information contained therein or to provide copies therefrom (per estate or name)		$10.00	N	N	$10.00
	"	Junk dealer registration		$10.00	N	N	$10.00
	"	Subpoena		$10.00	N	N	$10.00
	"	Application for weapons carry license	Uniform Application	$30.00	N	N	$30.00
	"	Replacement of weapons carry license		$6.00	N	N	$6.00
	"	Personal identification cards to a judge or Supreme Court justice	Uniform Application	Fee shall be determined by CPCJ	N	N	$7.00
	"	Marriage license with premarital education	Uniform Application	No Fee	N	N	No Fee
	"	Marriage license without premarital education	Uniform Application	$40.00	N	N	$40.00
	"	Marriage Certificate		$10.00	N	N	$10.00
	"	Creditor's Claim		$15.00	N	N	$15.00
	"	Declination to serve of personal representative		$15.00	N	N	$15.00
	"	Exemplification		$15.00	N	N	$15.00
	"	Recording of marks and brands, each		$15.00	N	N	$15.00
	"	Renunciation of right of succession		$15.00	N	N	$15.00
	"	Will filed for safekeeping		$15.00	N	N	$15.00
	"	Petition for or declaration of exemptions *(Homestead Exemptions)*		$25.00	N	15	$40.00
	"	Appeal to superior court (petition for review)		$30.00	N	N	$30.00
	"	Preperation of record and transcript to the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals (per page)		$1.00	N	N	$1.00

	"	For appeals to the Supreme Court or Court of Appeals, *where a transcript of the evidence and proceedings is filed with the clerk and does not require recopying* , the clerk shall not receive the fee herein prescribed with respect to such transcript but shall receive, for filing and transmission of such transcript		$35.00	**N**	**N**	**$35.00**
	"	Petition to establish lost papers		$50.00	**N**	**15**	**$65.00**
	"	Application for writ of habeas corpus		$75.00	**15**	**15**	**$105.00**
	"	Petition for Authority to Open Safety Deposit Box		$75.00	**N**	**15**	**$90.00**
	"	Petition to amend marriage license application		$75.00	**N**	**15**	**$91.00**
	"	Petition to amend vital record		$75.00	**N**	**15**	**$91.00**
	"	Any other petition filed in the probate court other than those proceedings and actions regarding decedent's estate and/or guardianship/conservatorship of minors and/or adults and not specifically set forth above.		$75.00	**N**	**15**	**$90.00**

Service and Appointed Guardian Ad Litem / Attorney Fees	
Personal Service via the Chatham County Sheriff's office/ per party NOTICE OF PETITION	50
Personal Service via the Chatham County Sheriff's office/ per party SUBPOENA	10
Personal Service via US Mail certified, return receipt requested, restricted delivery/per party	15
Personal Service via First Class US Mail on person residing outside of Georgia/ per party	5
Personal Service via International Mail	Variable
GUARDIAN AD LITEM Probate, Guardianship, Conservatorship, Mental Health	250
GUARDIAN AD LITEM CONDEMNATION O.C.G.A. §15-9-60(k)(6)	320
Evaluator Fee in Adult Guardianship/Conservatorship cases $150.00	250
Probate Court Fine or Bond Called	Amt Variable

Licensing Fees		
Original WCL Application	**77**	
GBI Fingerprinting		42
County		29
Fingerprint Processing Cost		5

Judge's Retirement		1
Renewal WCL Application	**30**	
County		29
Judge's Retirement		1
Law Enforcement Original WCL Application	**0**	
Law Enforcement Renewal WCL Application	**0**	
Personal Identification Cards to a judge or Supreme Court justice [to obtain WCL, judges pay current fee for application]	**7**	
County		7
Renewal of Personal Identification Cards to a judge or Supreme Court justice [to renew WCL, judges pay current fee for application]	**0**	
Replacement of Personal Identification Cards for Judges	0	
Temporary WCL License w/ Renewal Application	**0**	
Replacement Fee for Lost or Stolen WCL	**6**	
County		5
Judge's Retirement O.C.G.A. § 47-11-50		1
Marriage License Without Premarital Counseling	**76**	
County (Including $1.00 Vital Records Recording Fee)		32.8
Judge's Retirement 20% O.C.G.A. § 47-11-50		8.2
GSCCA Clerk's Authority Children's Trust Fund O.C.G.A. §15-9-60.1		15
Certified Copy of Marriage Application and License		20
Marriage License With Premarital Counseling	**36**	
County (Including $1.00 Vital Records Recording Fee)		0.8
GSCCA Clerk's Authority Children's Trust Fund O.C.G.A. §15-9-60.1		15

Certified Copy of Marriage Application and License		20
Judge's Retirement 20% O.C.G.A. § 47-11-50		0.2
Amendment to a Marriage License	**91**	
County (Including $1.00 Vital Records Recording Fee)		74
ADR/Law Library		15
Judge's Retirement O.C.G.A. § 47-11-50		2
Replacement of Marriage License	**1**	
County		1