

Probate Court Filing Costs

Overview of Initial Filing Fees

Note: Additional fees may be required based on the specifics of the case filed.

The following fees are required at the time of filing:

Probate of Will (Will being 5 pages or less*)

- \$52.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate (includes three *Letters of Testamentary*)
- \$66.00 to: Hartselle Enquirer (must be on a separate check)

-*plus, when applicable-

- \$3.00 Per page of Will over five pages
(Example: 8-page Will would be... \$52.00 + \$9.00 = \$66.00)

also,

- \$4.00 Additional *Letters of Testamentary* (per copy)
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Letters of Administration

- \$52.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate (includes three *Letters of Administration*)
- \$66.00 to: Hartselle Enquirer (must be on a separate check)

-MUST BE BONDED!!-

- \$20,000.00 Minimum bond amount (Amount of bond is set based on personal property.)
- \$25,000.00 Minimum bond amount for potential wrongful death estates

also,

- \$4.00 Additional *Letters of Testamentary* (per copy)
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Summary Distribution / Small Estate

- \$52.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate (includes *Order Directing Summary Distribution*)
- \$66.00 to: Hartselle Enquirer (must be on a separate check)

Section 43-2-692(b)(1), Code of Alabama (1975), as amended, requires the State Finance Director to adjust annually the small estate value prescribed by this code section.

Currently, the qualifying amount is \$37,075.00 (or less) through February 28, 2026.

Claim on Estate / Satisfaction of Claim

- \$8.00 Claim (paid by person filing, not paid for by the estate)
 - \$11.00 Satisfaction of Claim – 1 page (paid by person filing, not paid for by the estate)
 - \$3.00 for each additional page
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Inventory

- \$11.00 For the first page, \$3.00 for each additional page

Final Settlement (Will or Administration)

- \$5.00 to: Morgan County Probate Court (ten pages or less)

also,

- \$3.00 per page of Final Settlement over ten pages

Adoption

- \$82.00 to: Morgan County Probate Court

also,

- \$25.00 New Birth Certificate (In State)
- \$10.00 New Birth Certificate (Out of State)

Note: Additional filing fees will be figured after court hearing.

Name Change (Adult & Minor)

- \$22.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate (includes 1 certified copy of the Decree)

also,

- \$10.00 Drafting Fee, if you need Judge to prepare Decree

Guardianship, Guardianship and/or Conservatorship (Temporary, Permanent, or for a Minor)

- \$27.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate (includes three Letters)

also,

- \$4.00 Additional Letters of Guardianship and/or Conservatorship (per copy)

plus, when applicable –

- \$25.00 Extension of Temporary Letters

Note: Additional filing fees will be figured after the court hearing(s)

Legitimation

- \$22.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate

Marriage License Correction (license issued prior to August 29, 2019)

- \$22.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate (includes certified copy)
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Insolvency

- Court Costs assessed after the final hearing
 - \$149.25 x 2 (two separate checks payable to Hartselle Enquirer for publication)
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Exempt Property (Homestead Exemption, Family Allowance, & Personal Property Exemption)

- \$40.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate
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Drafting Order

- \$10.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate
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Docketing Cause

- \$10.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate
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Partial/Final Settlement of Guardianship/Conservatorship

- \$20.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate

also,

** Additional fees may be applicable

Copies

- \$1.00 Per Page

also,

- \$4.00 Certification Fee
 - \$10.00 Exemplified Copy Fee
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Hartselle Enquirer Publication Rates (if applicable)

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| • Adoption | \$149.25 |
| • Last Will & Testament/Administration (heirs/unknown heirs, etc.) | \$149.25 |
| • Incapacitated Person | \$149.25 |
| • Partial/Final Settlement (heirs/unknown heirs, etc.) | \$149.25 |
| • Name Change (minor) | \$20.80 |
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*****Additional Court costs may be assessed at the time a document is filed or after a hearing has been conducted.**