

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*)
- \$55.00 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 = \$61.00)
- also,
- \$4.00 Additional *Letters of Testamentary* (per copy)

Letters of Administration

- \$52.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate (includes three *Letters of Administration*)
- \$55.00 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

Summary Distribution / Small Estate

- \$52.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate (includes *Order Directing Summary Distribution*)
- \$55.00 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, that qualifying amount is \$29,710.00 (or less) through February 29, 2020.

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)
 - *plus when applicable-
 - \$3.00 for each additional page
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Final Settlement

- \$5.00 to: Morgan County Probate Court
- plus, when applicable-
- \$3.00 Per page of Final Settlement over ten pages
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Adoption

- \$82.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate

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

Name Change (Adult & Minor)

- \$22.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate
- plus, when applicable-
- \$10.00 Drafting Fee, if you need Judge to prepare Decree
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Temporary Guardianship, Guardianship and/or Conservatorship

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

- \$22.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate
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Marriage License Correction

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

- \$1.00 Per page
- plus, when applicable-
- \$4.00 Certification Fee
 - \$10.00 Exemplified Copy Fee
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