

# Probate Court Filing Costs

## Overview of Initial Filing Fees

Note: Additional fees may be required based on the specifics of the case filed or after a hearing has been conducted.

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*)
- \$57.20 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)

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### Letters of Administration

- \$52.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate (includes three *Letters of Administration*)
- \$57.20 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 Administration* (per copy)

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### Summary Distribution / Small Estate

- \$52.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate (includes *Order Directing Summary Distribution*)
- \$57.20 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 \$32,047.00 (or less) through February 28, 2023.

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### 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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## **Inventory**

- \$11.00 For the first page, \$3.00 for each additional page
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## **Final Settlement Will or Administration**

- \$5.00 to: Morgan County Probate Court (ten pages or less)  
-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  
-plus, when applicable-
  - \$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.

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## **Name Change (Adult & Minor)**

- \$22.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate (includes 1 certified copy of the Decree)  
-plus, when applicable-
    - \$10.00 Drafting Fee, if you need Judge to prepare Decree
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## **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)

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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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### **Insolvency**

- Court Costs assessed after the final hearing
  - \$130.00 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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### **Copies**

- \$1.00 Per page
  - plus, when applicable-
  - \$4.00 Certification Fee
  - \$10.00 Exemplified Copy Fee
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### **Hartselle Enquirer Publication Rates (if applicable)**

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| • Adoption   | \$130.00 |
| • Last Will & Testament/Administration (heirs/unknown heirs, etc.) | \$130.00 |
| • Incapacitated Person   | \$130.00 |
| • Final Settlement (heirs/unknown heirs, etc.)                     | \$130.00 |
| • Name Change  | \$130.00 |