

## 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*)
- \$61.00 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)
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#### Letters of Administration

- \$52.00 to: Morgan County Judge of Probate (includes three *Letters of Administration*)
- \$61.00 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*)
- \$61.00 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 \$34,611.00 (or less) through February 29, 2024.

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

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### **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.

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### **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

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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 (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
  - \$138.00 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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## 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

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## 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   | \$138.00 |
| • Last Will & Testament/Administration (heirs/unknown heirs, etc.) | \$138.00 |
| • Incapacitated Person   | \$138.00 |
| • Partial/Final Settlement (heirs/unknown heirs, etc.)             | \$138.00 |
| • Name Change (minor)  | \$138.00 |
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**\*\*\*Additional Court costs may be assessed at the time a document is filed or after a hearing has been conducted.**