

GEORGIA COUNCIL OF PROBATE COURT JUDGES

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.**

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 (IDF)	add-ons and fees of \$5/ \$10 (LL/ADR) Subject to other Totals
<i>Decedent's Estates</i>					
NOTE: Except for Temp. Letters of Admin., the Indigent Defense fee of \$15 is charged on <i>EACH</i> 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	Y	Y
"	Any other petition concerning a decedent's estate	GPCSF 2, 8, 13, 17, 18, 32, 33, 71, 72	\$175.00	N	Y
"	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		\$175.00	Y	Y	
"	Subsequent Petition		\$175.00	N	Y	
"	Petition for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of Minor	GPCSF 28	\$125.00	N	Y	
"	Motion, response, request, citation, or caveat		\$75.00	N	N	\$75.00
"	Petition to Terminate Temporary Guardianship of Minor		\$40.00	N	Y	
"	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	Y	Y	
"	Subsequent Petition		\$ 175.00	N	Y	
"	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	Y	
"	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
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(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 <i>(Declaratory Judgments; Estate Planning; Approval of Settlement Agreements; Trusts; POAs; Construction of Will)</i>	\$58.00	Y	Y	
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Misc 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		N	N	\$7.00
"	Marriage license with premarital education *add on Children's Trust Fund plus Vital Records \$1.00	Uniform Application	No Fee	N	N	16.00*
"	Marriage license without premarital education *Add on Children's Trust Fund plus Vital Records \$1.00	Uniform Application	\$40.00	N	N	56.00*
"	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 (<i>Homestead Exemptions</i>)	\$25.00	N	Y	\$32.00
"	Appeal to superior court (petition for review)	\$30.00	N	N	\$30.00
"	Preparation 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, <i>where a transcript of the evidence and proceedings is filed with the clerk and does not require recopying</i> , 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	Y	
"	Application for writ of habeas corpus	\$75.00	Y	Y	
"	Petition for Authority to Open Safety Deposit Box	\$75.00	N	Y	
"	Petition to amend marriage license application	\$75.00	N	Y	
"	Petition to amend vital record	\$75.00	N	Y	
"	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	Y	