

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Clerk of the Orphans' Court Lehigh County

<b>ADOPTIONS – PARENTAL TERMINATIONS</b>	
Report of Intention to Adopt	25.00
Counseling Fund Fee	75.00
Adoption Petition/Gestational Birth Carrier Petition	100.00
Involuntary Term/Voluntary Relinquishment Petitions	75.00
Foreign Adoption Registration IR3 Visa ( no hearing)	75.00
Foreign Adoption Registration/Re-Adoption IR4 Visa (hearing)	100.00
Adoption Search	100.00
Reprinted Adoption Certificate	15.00
<b>ADOPTION INVESTIGATION FEES</b>	
Adoptive Parents Only	350.00
Adoptive Parents and Biological Parents interviewed within Lehigh County or within fifty (50) mile radius	450.00
Adoptive Parents and if one or both biological parents interviewed reside outside fifty (50) mile radius	500.00

<b>GUARDIANSHIP OF INCAPACITATED PERSON/MINORS</b>	
Petition for Determination of Incapacity (includes 1certified copy of final decree)	110.00
Petition for Appt of Guardian of Person of Minor	50.00
Guardian Certificate	10.00
Will Inspection	10.00
Guardian's Inventory	15.00
Guardian's Inventory {Supplemental}	10.00
Petition for Review Hearing	25.00
Additional Petition Filed (e.g.sale of ward's realty)	10.00

<b>MARRIAGE LICENSES</b>	
Marriage Application	50.00
Certified Copy Marriage Record	10.00
Exemplification of Marriage Record	50.00
Certification of No Marriage	10.00
Petition for Court Approval - Applicant Under 16 years	25.00
Waiver of 3 Day Waiting Period	10.00
Search Fee {Marriage/Birth/Death/O. C.}	25.00
Reprinted Marriage License	15.00
Completion of out of state ML application	25.00

<b>FORMAL ACCOUNTS – EXCLUDING Charitable Trusts</b>			
<b>INSOLVENT ESTATES</b>		100.00	
<b>Filing fee is calculated on the gross estate</b>			
Valuation of Gross Estate			Cost
1	to	300,000	200.00
300,001	to	500,000	300.00
500,001	to	750,000	400.00
750,001	to	1,000,000	500.00
1,000,001	to	2,000,000	600.00
For each succeeding \$500,000 or fraction thereof over \$2,000,000 add an additional \$100			

<b>FORMAL ACCOUNT OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS OR FOUNDATIONS</b>						
CARRYING VALUE OF TRUST PRINCIPAL			Filing Fee determined by Account Period			
			1-24 months	24+ months to 48 months	48+ months to 60 months	60+ months
Up	to	5,000,000	\$750	\$1,125	\$1,675	\$2,450
5,000,001	to	15,000,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,250	\$3,250
15,000,001	to	25,000,000	\$1,500	\$2,250	\$3,375	\$4,875
25,000,001	to	50,000,000	\$2,250	\$3,375	\$5,075	\$7,300
50,000,001	or	more	\$3,250	\$4,875	\$7,300	\$10,575
This scheduled does NOT apply to charitable remainder trusts during the lifetimes of non-charitable beneficiaries						

Amended Petition for Distribution	25.00
Answer/Reply to any Petition	25.00
Appeal to Appellate Court	125.00
Automation Fee <sup>1</sup>	5.00
Appeal to Appellate Court <sup>2</sup>	125.00
Certified copy of any document	10.00
Claim, Notice of,	25.00
Copies/ per page (photocopies, microfiche copies or copies from scanned images)	.25
Corporate Fiduciary Power/Sureties Current Certificate	10.00
Disclaimer/Renunciation	25.00
Exercise of Elective Share rights	25.00
Exceptions	25.00
Exemplification	50.00
Informal Account	75.00
Judicial Computer System <sup>3</sup>	35.50
Lehigh County E-filing fee <sup>4</sup>	5.00
Minors' Compromise Order (time-stamped copy of Order filed in Civil Division)	25.00
Minors' Compromise Petition + Order(No action commenced in Civil Division)	50.00
Miscellaneous Transactions <sup>5</sup>	****
Objections	25.00
Petition {Contested}	100.00
Petition {Uncontested}	50.00
Power of Attorney	25.00
Returned Check Charge {separate check}	20.00
Small Estate Petition	50.00
Subpoena	10.00
Will Contest Proceeding	100.00

<sup>1</sup>This \$5.00 fee imposed pursuant to 42 P.S. §2102.1, is in addition to the OC filing fee, the LCE fee and the JCS fee, regarding all initial filings.

<sup>2</sup> In addition to the stated Orphans' Court fee there are appellate filing fees imposed by the Superior and Supreme Courts. That fee, payable to the appropriate appellate court by separate check, must accompany the requisite notice of appeal and OC filing fee. Counsel is urged to contact the appellate court to obtain the correct appellate filing fee.

<sup>3</sup> This is a statutorily created fee imposed upon "first filings in petitions concerning adoptions, incapacitated persons, estates of minors and *inter vivos* trusts." 42 P.S. §3733.1 Effective August 8, 2014, the JCS fee was increased from \$33.50 to \$35.50. This \$35.50 JCS fee is in addition to the OC filing fee, the LCE fee and the Automation fee

<sup>4</sup> Imposed upon all initial filings pursuant to 42 P.S. §2102.1

<sup>5</sup> A filing fee in an amount equal to that of the most similar pleading will be assessed regarding pleadings not specifically enumerated in the fee schedule.