

**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 {Arms Length Adopt.}	75.00
Adoption Petition/Gestational Birth Carrier Petition	100.00
Involuntary Term/Voluntary Relinq Petitions	75.00
Foreign Adoption Registration IR3 Visa (no hrg req'd)	75.00
Foreign Adoption Registration/Re-Adoption IR4 Visa (hrq req'd.)	100.00
Adoption Search	100.00

<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	100.00
Guardian Certificate	10.00
Will Inspection	10.00

<b>MARRIAGE LICENSES</b> {All costs associated with Marriage License transactions are payable only in cash or money order}	
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 {Fee waived for Active Duty Military applicant(s) – Written proof of active duty required}	10.00
Search Fee {Marriage/Birth/Death/O. C.}	25.00
Reprinted Marriage License	15.00

<b>ACCOUNTS FILED FOR FORMAL AUDIT</b>			
<b>INSOLVENT ESTATES</b>			100.00
<b>Cost is based on valuation of gross estate or gross principal receipts</b>			
<b>Valuation of Gross Estate</b>			<b>Cost</b>
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 \$100.00			

Automation Fee <sup>1</sup>	5.00
Appeal to Superior/Supreme 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/Election to take under/against	25.00
Exceptions	25.00
Exemplification	50.00
Guardian's Certificate	10.00
Guardian's Inventory	15.00
Guardian's Inventory {Supplemental}	10.00
Informal Account	75.00
Judicial Computer System <sup>3</sup>	23.50
Lehigh County E-filing fee <sup>4</sup>	5.00
Minors' Compromise Petitions {Copy of Civil Division signed, clocked Order}	25.00
Minors' Compromise Petition {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. Effective December 8, 2009, the JCS fee was increased from \$10.00 to \$23.50. This \$23.50 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.