

Schedule of Costs and Fees  
Effective July 1, 2010

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 a manner in accordance with the 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 guardian-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. Except where specifically provided, recording charges are in addition to the other court costs.

	Code Section 15-9-60	Type of Proceeding, Pleading, Document, Service or Action	GPCSF Number, if applicable	Cost (Initial Filing)	Cost (Subsequent Filing)	"Full Service Fee?"	Subject to Indigent Defense Fee of \$15.00	Subject to other add-ons and fees?	
Decedent's Estates									
1	(e)(1)-(4)	Petition for Temporary Letters of Administration	GPCSF	2	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00	*	N	Y
2	"	Petition for Letters of Administration	GPCSF	3	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00	*	Y	Y
3	"	Petition to Probate Will in Common Form	GPCSF	4	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00	*	N	Y
4	"	Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form	GPCSF	5	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00	*	Y	Y
5	"	Petition for Order Declaring No Administration Necessary	GPCSF	9	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00	*	Y	Y
6	"	Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form and Letter of Administration with Will Annexed	GPCSF	7	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00	*	Y	Y
8	(e)(1)-(4)	Petition for Year's Support	GPCSF	10	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00	*	Y	Y
7	(e)(5)	Petition for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed (Will Previously Probated)	GPCSF	8	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	*	Y	Y
NOTE: Except for Temp. Letters of Admin. And Probate in Common Form, the Indigent Defense fee of \$15 is charged on EACH above-described petition filed, even if multiple petitions are filed in a single case. See O.C.G.A. § 15-21A-6(b)(1)(A).									
9	(e)(1)-(4)	Petition for Presumption of Death of Missing Individual Believed to be Dead	GPCSF	18	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00	*	N	Y
10	"	Any proceeding for ancillary	No		\$ 90.00		*	N	Y

		admin. by a foreign personal representative.	form						
11	“	Any other proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the court is first invoked concerning a decedent’s estate	No form		\$ 90.00		*	N	Y
12	(e)(5)	Petition for Personal Representative for Leave to Sell Property	GPCSF	13		\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
13	“	Petition for Leave to Sell Perishable Property by Personal Representative	GPCSF	71		\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
14	“	Petition for Leave to Sell or Encumber Property Previously Set Aside as Year’s Support	GPCSF	17		\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
15	“	Petition by Administrator for Waiver of Bond and/or Grant of Certain Powers	GPCSF	32		\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
16	“	Petition for Discharge	GPCSF	33		\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
17	“	Petition for Approval of Division in Kind	No form			\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
18	“	Petition to Determine Heirs	No form			\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
19	“	Petition for Direction under Will	No form			\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
20	“	Petition of Personal Representative to Compromise a Disputed Claim or Debt	No form			\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
21	“	Petition by or against personal representative for an accounting or final settlement	No form			\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
22	“	Petition to Resign as Personal Representative and for Appointment of a Successor	No form			\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
23	“	Petition to Remove a Personal Representative and for Appointment of a Successor	No form			\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
24	“	Citation against a personal representative for failure to make returns or for alleged mismanagement of estate	No form			\$ 50.00	*	N	Yes, unless issued by court
25	“	Caveat, objection or other responsive pleading filed by person to whom notice or citation is issued	No form			\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
26	“	Petition or Motion to intervene as Interested Party	No form			\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
27	“	Any other petition , application, motion or other pleading in an estate for which no cost is set	No form			\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
28	(e)(6)“	Petition to Change Accounting Period	No form			\$ 25.00	*	N	Y
29	“	Petition to Enter Safe-Deposit Box	No form			\$ 25.00	*	N	Y

30	“	Petition/Motion for Attorney’s Fees	No form			\$ 25.00	*	N	Y
31	“	Petition/ Motion for Extra Compensation	No form			\$ 25.00	*	N	Y
32	“	Inventory, Appraisalment, or Annual, Intermediate or Final Return.	No form			\$ 25.00	*	N	Y
33	(e)(7)	Notice of Claim or Claim of Creditor	No form			\$ 10.00	*	N	N
34	“	Declination to Serve as Personal Representative	No form			\$ 10.00	*	N	N
35	“	Renunciation of Right of Succession	No form			\$ 10.00	*	N	N

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 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).

1	(f)(1)	Petition for Temporary letters of Guardianship of the person of Minor	GPCSF	28	\$ 60.00		*	FF	Y
2	“	Petition for letters of Guardianship of Minor	GPCSF	29	\$ 60.00		*	FF	Y
3	“	Petition for Letters of Conservatorship of Minor	GPCSF	30	\$ 60.00		*	FF	Y
4	“	Petition for Receipt and Acceptance of Foreign Guardianship and/or Conservatorship	GPCSF	60	\$ 60.00		*	FF	Y
5	“	Any other proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the court is first invoked with regard tot the person and/or property of a minor	No form		\$ 60.00		*	FF	Y
6	“	Petition of Conservator for Final Settlement of Accounts and Discharge from Office and Liability	GPCSF	34	\$ 60.00		*	N	Y
7	(f)(2)	Petition of conservator for Leave to Sell, Rent, Lease or Otherwise Dispose of Property	GPCSF	14		\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
8	“	Petition to Compromise Doubtful Claim of Minor/Ward	GPCSF	19		\$ 50.00	*	FF	Y
9	“	Petition for Leave to Encroach on Corpus	GPCSF	20		\$ 25.00	*	N	Y
10	“	Petition to Change Accounting Period	No form			\$ 25.00	*	N	Y
11	“	Minor Conservatorship Inventory and Asset Management Plan	No form			\$ 25.00	*	N	N
12	“	Annual, Intermediate or Final Return of Conservator	No form			\$ 25.00	*	N	N
13	“	Petition or Motion for attorney’s fees	No form			\$ 50.00	*	N	N
14	“	Petition to Terminate Temporary	No			\$ 25.00	*	N	N

		Guardianship of Minor	form						
15	“	Any other petition, application, motion or other pleading filed regarding an existing guardianship of a minor	No form			\$ 25.00	*	N	N
Adult Guardianship/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 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).									
1	(g)(1)	Petition for the Appointment of an Emergency Guardian and/or Conservator for a Proposed Ward	GPCSF	11	\$150.00		*	FF	Y
2	“	Petition for the Appointment of a Guardian and/or Conservator for a Proposed Ward	GPCSF	12	\$150.00		*	FF	Y
3	“	Petition for Receipt and Acceptance of Foreign Guardianship and/or Conservatorship	GPCSF	60	\$150.00		*	FF	Y
4	“	Any other proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the probate court is first invoked with regard to an adult alleged to be incapacitated	No form		\$150.00		*	FF	Y
5	(g)(2)	Petition of conservator for Leave to Sell, Rent, Lease or Otherwise Dispose of Property	GPCSF	14		\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
6	“	Petition to Compromise Doubtful Claim of Minor/Ward	GPCSF	19		\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
7	“	Petition for Leave to Encroach on Corpus	GPCSF	20		\$ 25.00	*	N	Y
8	“	Petition to Change Accounting Period	No form			\$ 25.00	*	N	Y
9	“	Adult Conservatorship Inventory and Asset Management Plan	GPCSF	58		\$ 25.00	*	N	N
10	“	Annual, Intermediate or Final Return	No form			\$ 25.00	*	N	N
11	“	Petition or motion for attorney’s fees	No form			\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
12	“	Petition for the Restoration of an Individual Found to be in Need of a Guardian and/or Conservator	GPCSF	65		\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
13	“	Petition of Conservator for Final Settlement of Accounts and Discharge from Office and Liability	GPCSF	34	\$ 60.00		*	N	Y
14	“	Any other petition, application, motion or pleading filed regarding an existing guardianship of an adult	No form			\$ 50.00	*	N	Y
Other Actions									
1	(f)	In matters involving Sterilization, Involuntary Treatment, Habilitation or Temporary Placement, through	No form		\$ 75.00		*	N	Y

		entry of final order							
2	(i)	Hearings in contested matters, per half day			\$ 25.00			N	N
3	“	Initial hearings in adult guardianship or matters involving sterilization, involuntary treatment, habilitation or involuntary placement			No Fee			N	N
4	“	Hearing in any uncontested matter			No Fee			N	N
5	(j)	Petition to Establish Custodial Account for Minor or Incapacitated Adult	GPCSF	22	8% of fund		*	N	Y
6	(k)(i)-(vii)	Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus	No form		\$ 75.00			Y	Y
7		Petition to Establish lost papers	No form		\$ 50.00			N	Y
8		Petition for or declaration of Exemptions	No form		\$ 25.00			N	Y
9		Petition to Change Birth Certificate	No form		\$ 60.00			N	Y
10		All other services rendered by the judge or clerk through the entry of the final order, for any application or petition by which the jurisdiction of probate court is invoked and no other cost is set forth	No form		\$ 50.00		*	N	Y
11		Issuance of all other orders, including a Rule Nisi, in any matter for which the costs already set forth do not include all services rendered by judge or clerk	No form			\$ 25.00		N	N
12		Motions, Amendments or other pleadings in any matter for which the costs do not include all services rendered by judge or clerk and no other cost is set forth	No form			\$ 10.00		N	N
Miscellaneous									
1	(k)(ix)-(xxx)	For processing appeals to superior court	No form		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		N	N
2	“	For Issuance of writ of fieri facias	No form		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		N	N
3	“	For Issuance of permit to discharge explosives	No form		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		N	N
4	“	For issuance of permit to discharge fireworks	No form		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		N	N
5	“	Application for firearms license	Uniform Application		\$ 21.00	\$ 5.00		N	N
6	“	For issuance of replacement firearms license	No form		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00		N	N

