

Rule 24. Fees.

(a) Administration of decedents' estates (testate and intestate).

(1) The fees to be collected by the Register of Wills in the administration of decedents' estates shall be assessed on the basis of the value of the probate estate at the following rates:

(A) General undertaking administrations (including corporate fiduciaries):

VALUE OF PROBATE ESTATE	FEE
Less than \$ 2,500	No fee
\$ 2,500 but less than \$ 10,000	\$ 12.50 + 0.5/% of excess over \$ 2,500
\$ 10,000 but less than \$ 100,000	\$ 50 + 0.3/% of excess over \$ 10,000
\$ 100,000 but less than \$ 500,000	\$ 320 + 0.2/% of excess over \$ 100,000
\$ 500,000 but less than \$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,120 + 0.1/% of excess over \$ 500,000
\$ 1,000,000 and over	\$ 1,620 + 0.5/% of excess over \$ 1,000,000

(B) Special undertaking administrations:

VALUE OF PROBATE ESTATE	FEE
Less than \$ 2,500	No fee
\$ 2,500 but less than \$ 10,000	\$ 15
\$ 10,000 but less than \$ 50,000	\$ 30
\$ 50,000 and over	\$ 60

(C) Collectorships (including corporate fiduciaries):

(i) The fees to be collected by the Register of Wills in collectorship proceedings shall be assessed at the rates prescribed for general undertaking administrations (see section (a)(1)(A) of this Rule).

(ii) The fees to be collected by the Register of Wills in general undertaking administrations and collectorships shall be assessed and paid prior to the approval of the 1st account. Subsequent fees, if any, determined under section (a)(C)(iii) of this Rule shall be assessed and paid prior to the approval of each subsequent annual account of the personal representative.

The fees to be collected by the Register of Wills in special undertaking administrations shall be assessed and paid within 10 days after the issuance to the personal representative of letters testamentary or of administration except for good cause shown.

(iii) For the purposes of determining fees under section (a) (1) of this Rule, the value of the probate estate shall include (1) the initial gross principal value of the assets of the probate estate as determined by the Register of Wills, (2) the gross value of any increase in the principal value of any probate asset realized upon disposition (other than upon distribution to beneficiaries of the estate) by the personal representative, and (3) the gross value of any income reported by the personal representative in periodic accountings to the Court. If any account of a personal representative reports a value for the probate estate which is greater than the value of the probate estate previously determined by the Register of Wills or reported by the personal representative, the Register of Wills shall assess such additional fees, if any, as are required under this section.

(b) Administration of the property of minors.

(1) The fees to be collected by the Register of Wills in the administration of the property of minors shall be assessed on the basis of the value of the guardianship estate at the following rates:

VALUE OF PROBATE ESTATE	FEE
Less than \$ 500	No fee
\$ 500 but less than \$ 2,500	\$ 5

\$ 2,500 but less than \$ 10,000	\$ 10
\$ 10,000 but less than \$ 25,000	\$ 17
\$ 25,000 but less than \$ 50,000	\$ 25
\$ 50,000 but less than \$ 100,000	\$ 35
\$ 100,000 and over	\$ 50

(2) The fees to be collected by the Register of Wills in the administration of the property of minors are annual charges. The initial fees shall be assessed and paid prior to the approval of the 1st account. Subsequent fees shall be assessed and paid prior to the approval of each subsequent annual account of the guardian.

(3) For the purposes of determining fees under section (b)(1) of this Rule, the value of the guardianship estate shall include (1) the initial gross principal value of the assets of the guardianship estate as determined by the Register of Wills, (2) the gross value of any increase in the principal value of any guardianship asset realized upon disposition (other than upon final distribution to a ward who has attained the age of 21 years) by the guardian, and (3) the gross value of any income reported by the guardian in periodic accountings to the Court.

(c) Certified copies of wills and letters.

Payment of the fees assessed under section (a) or (b) of this Rule shall entitle the fiduciary to be furnished by the Register of Wills with, where applicable, 2 certified copies of the will (and any codicils thereto) admitted to probate and 6 copies of letters testamentary or of administration, collectorship or guardianship, all without further charge.

(d) Miscellaneous charges:

(1) Complaints under Rule 10	\$ 25	
(2) Administrations under Small Estates Act:		(A) Estates under \$ 500 (B) Estates valued at \$ 500 to \$ 2,500
	No fee	
	\$ 15	
(3) Additional letters testamentary or of		administration, collectorship or guardianship and nonresident certificates
	\$ 1 per copy	
(4) Copies of documents	\$.50 per page plus \$.50 for certification	
(5) To docket claim	\$.50 each	
(6) To search records	\$ 1	
(7) Rule to show cause, objections to accounts,		notice of appeal, miscellaneous motions, etc.
	\$ 5	
(8) To attend safe deposit box opening	\$ 10	

(e) Assessment and collection.

All fees assessed under this Rule shall be collected by and paid to the Register of Wills.

(f) Review of fees.

Following the close of each fiscal year, the Court shall review the fees collected by the Register of Wills during such year and shall make such changes, alterations or additions to the foregoing fee schedules as it considers appropriate in the circumstances.

(g) Effective date of rule.

The provisions of this Rule shall be made applicable to all cases filed on or after August 1, 1973, and to all cases pending in the Office of the Register of Wills on August 1, 1973. Fiduciaries in pending cases shall be allowed credit for fees paid in accordance with earlier fee schedules.