

Rule 425. Court costs.

(a) Administration of decedents' estates (testate and intestate; supervised and unsupervised administrations).

The Court costs to be assessed and 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, excluding real estate, at the following rates:

(1) Court cost in Probate Proceedings:

Less than \$500	No cost
\$500 up to \$2500	\$15
\$2500.01 up to \$15,000	\$50
\$15,000.01 up to \$25,000	\$100
\$25,000.01 but less than \$50,000	\$150
\$50,000 but less than \$75,000	\$250
\$75,000 but less than \$100,000	\$350
\$100,000 but less than \$500,000	\$575
\$500,000 but less than \$750,000	\$825
\$750,000 but less than \$1,000,000	\$1,275
\$1,000,000 but less than \$2,500,000	\$1,800
\$2,500,000 but less than \$5,000,000	\$2,300
\$5,000,000 and over	\$2,300 plus 0.02% of excess over \$5,000,000

(2) Court costs attributable to real estate in the District of Columbia.

Additional Court costs in the amount of \$ 25 shall be assessed in all standard and abbreviated probate proceedings and special administration proceedings wherein real property or properties in the District of Columbia of whatever value, are carried as a probate asset. If proceeds of the sale of real property are included, or real estate is sold during the estate administration either subsequent to the filing of a waiver of inventories and accounts under Rule 415, or subsequent to the filing of the petition for probate in unsupervised estates, Court costs shall be assessed in accordance with subparagraphs (a)(1) and (3) of this Rule.

(3) Computation of Court costs.

For the purposes of determining initial costs under paragraph (a) of this Rule, the value of the probate estate shall include (i) the initial gross principal value of the assets of the probate estate as determined by the Register of Wills, (ii) 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 (iii) the gross value of any income reported by the personal representative in periodic accounts to the Court, but shall exclude the value of real property in the probate estate except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this Rule. In determining the Court costs upon the audit of subsequent accounts, allowance shall be made for costs previously assessed.

(4) Time of payment.

In a supervised administration, any unpaid costs to be collected by the Register of Wills under this paragraph shall be paid at the time of filing the first account except as otherwise provided herein, or at the time of filing any waiver of inventories and accounts pursuant to Rule 415. Subsequent costs, if any, determined under subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule shall be assessed and paid at the time of filing each subsequent annual account of the personal representative. Personal representatives who have filed waivers of filing inventories and accounts under Rule 415 and who receive any additional assets shall pay any additional costs incident thereto upon the receipt of the additional assets. In an unsupervised administration, the costs to be collected by the Register of Wills shall be paid at the time of the filing of the petition for probate. Personal representatives who receive any additional assets shall pay any additional costs incident thereto upon the receipt of the additional assets.

(b) Certified copies of wills and letters.

Upon appointment the fiduciary shall be furnished by the Register of Wills with, where applicable, two certified copies of the will (and any codicils thereto) admitted to probate and 12 copies of letters of administration, without charge.

(c) Miscellaneous charges:

For filing cases substituting trustees and complaints under SCR-PD 107	\$120
Filing counterclaim, crossclaim, or 3rd party claim	\$20
For issuing each alias summons	\$10
For appointment of special process server	\$5
For taking affidavit or affirmation	\$1
For additional letters of administration or guardianship and nonresident certificates	\$1 per copy
For copies of documents	\$.50 per page
For docketing claims	\$5
For searching records	\$10
For rule or order to show cause, objections to accounts, miscellaneous motions, etc.	\$20
For attending safe deposit box opening	\$25
For institution of proceedings by foreign personal representative (D.C. Code § 20-341 and SCR-PD 427)	\$25
For certified copy or true seal copy	\$5
For issuing triple seal	\$20
For Notice of Appeal	\$5
For petition for revision of value (D.C. Code § 20-714)	\$20
For petition for review of Employment of Agents and Compensation of Personal Representatives and Employees of Estate (D.C. Code § 20-753)	\$20
For petitions for supervised administration (D.C. Code §20-403)	\$20
For request for extensions(D.C. Code § 20-1301(c))	\$20
For any petition filed under SCR-PD 412 by one other than the personal representative or special administrator	\$20
For filing a Notice of Existence of Revocable Trust	\$25
For filing a Petition For Payment From Trust	\$20
For filing a Claim against a trust	\$5

(d) Applicability of Civil Rule 202.

The fees specified in Civil Rule 202 shall apply for items listed therein which are filed in the Probate Division but are not specifically referenced in this Rule.

(e) Assessment and collection.

All Court costs shall be collected by and paid to the Register of Wills at such time or times as the Register of Wills shall direct, except as otherwise specified in paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(f) Review of Court costs.

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

COMMENT:

The probate estate administration proceeding to which reference is made in SCRPD 213(b) and 213(d)(1) does not include a Foreign Estate proceeding.