Office of the Register of Probate & Hancock County Probate Court

FEE SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

ESTATES

Filing Fees for Informal (Register) & Formal (Judge) Probate:	
Filing a Will, no Probate	$ 15.00
Probate required, no appointment	$ 20.00
Filing Fee – Based on Value of Estate	
Up to and including $10,000	$ 40.00
$ 10,001 to $ 20,000	$ 60.00
$ 20,001 to $ 30,000	$ 75.00
$ 30,001 to $ 40,000	$ 95.00
$ 40,001 to $ 50,000	$ 125.00
$ 50,001 to $ 75,000	$ 190.00
$ 75,001 to $ 100,000	$ 250.00
$ 100,001 to $ 150,000	$ 325.00
$ 150,001 to $ 200,000	$ 375.00
$ 200,001 to $ 250,000	$ 450.00
$ 250,001 to $ 300,000	$ 500.00
$ 300,001 to $ 400,000	$ 575.00
$ 400,001 to $ 500,000	$ 625.00
$ 500,001 to 750,000	$ 700.00
$ 750,001 to $ 1,000,000	$ 750.00
$ 1,000,001 to $ 1,500,000	$ 875.00
$ 1,500,001 to $ 2,000,000	$ 950.00
More than $ 2,000,000	$ 1200.00
Fee increases in steps of $ 250.00 for every increase in value of $500,000 or part thereof above $ 2,500,000	

Additional costs to Probate:	
Probate Notice N-109 (per heir/devisee/DHHS)	$ 5.00
Certificate of Appointment of Personal Representative	$ 10.00
N-120 Notice to Creditors published two consecutive weeks	$ 80.00
N-121 Certificate and Abstract for real estate*	$ 20.00
*Registry of Deeds cost to record N-121 *(separate check)*	$ 40.00
*Registry of Deeds cost to record N-116 *(separate check)*	$ 40.00
All other subsequent informal appointments	$ 50.00

FORMAL PROBATE FEES

Petition or Complaint in Civil Proceeding	$ 120.00
Petition for Elective Share	$ 120.00
All other Formal Petitions and Appointments	$ 50.00
Claim Against Estate	$ 25.00
Demand for Notice	$ 25.00
Service by Court (sent certified, restricted, return receipt)	$ 45.00/per notice

GUARDIANSHIP/CONSERVATORSHIP

Petition for Appointment of Guardian or Conservator	$ 90.00
Emergency Affidavit	$ 50.00
Petition to Terminate Guardian or Conservator	$ 50.00
Petition for Resignation of Guardian or Conservator	$ 50.00
Petition for Successor Guardian or Conservator	$ 50.00
Joined Petition: Guardian/Conservator	$ 115.00
Joined Petition: Terminate Guardian/Conservator	$ 50.00
Joined Petition: Successor Guardian/Conservator	$ 50.00
Accounts Allowed	$ 25.00
Petition to Transfer Guardianship and/or Conservatorship	$ 50.00
Petition to Accept Transfer of Guardianship and/or Conservatorship	$ 50.00
Visitor Fee (adult guardianships/conservatorships only)	$ 150.00
Service by Court (sent certified, restricted, return receipt)	$ 45.00/per notice

NAME CHANGE

Petition for Change of Name	$ 75.00
Certificate of Name Change	$ 10.00
VS-14 State of Maine Request to Amend a Vital Record Application per Court Order *Make check payable to Treasurer, State of Maine*	$ 60.00

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ADOPTIONS

Petition for Adoption	$ 65.00
Forms: A-10, A-15, A-15(a), N-101, N 102	$ 5.00 each
DHHS Authorization child abuse background check	$ 15.00
Surrender and Release	$ 25.00
Certificate of Adoption	$ 10.00
Consent of non-petitioning Parent for Adoption	$ 25.00
Petition for Termination of Parental Rights	$ 65.00
Petition for Confirmatory Adoption	$ 55.00
Petition to Recognize Foreign Adoption	$ 55.00
Petition to Examine Records (includes copy/certificate fees)	$ 25.00
Ancillary Costs for Minor Adoptions:	
Fingerprint Fee to IdentoGO	*$ 49.00*

APPEAL/REMOVAL

Notice of Appeal	
Transcript Order Form	$ 5.00
Fee to "Hancock County Probate"	$ 100.00
Fee to "Maine Supreme Judicial Court"	$ 175.00
Petition for Removal (N106)	
Fee to "Hancock County Probate"	$ 100.00
Fee to Superior Court	$ 175.00

OTHER FEES

Surcharge per 18-C MRS § 1-607	$ 10.00
Certificate of No Probate	$ 10.00
Small Estate Affidavit	$ 5.00
State of Maine Statutory Will	$ 10.00
Notices	$ 5.00 each
Subpoenas	$ 5.00 each
Service by Court (sent certified, restricted, return receipt)	$ 45.00
Attestation **(plus copies)**	$ 5.00 each
Exemplified **(plus copies)**	$ 25.00+
Postage and handling fee for mail requests	$ 5.00
Forms	Forms with one to four page $ 5.00 Forms with five pages or more $ 7.00
Copies	First Page $ 2.00Each subsequent page $ 1.00
Notary Public Fee (n/a to probate actions)	$ 10.00
Civil ceremony (as time permits)	$ 75.00

Forms can be obtained in person from our office. You may also request in writing that forms be mailed to you, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your check or money order. We will need to receive payment before the forms can be sent. Our office does not bill. There is no fee for an electronically filed forms, but there will be copy fees.

WE ACCEPT CASH, CHECKS, OR MONEY ORDERS ONLY ✧ MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "REGISTER OF PROBATE"

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