

Tuscaloosa County Probate Court

Schedule of Fees

(As of December 1, 2021)

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PAYMENT: CASH, CREDIT CARD, OR CHECK PAYABLE TO JUDGE OF PROBATE

<p>ADMINISTRATION (Includes filing of: Petition, Death Cert., Waivers, Bond, Order Granting Letters, Legal Notice, and (3) Certified copies of Letters)</p>	<p>\$61.00</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMERCIAL BOND REQUIRED – MIN \$20,000 • INVENTORY REQUIRED IN 60 DAYS - \$3.00 PER PAGE • FINAL SETTLEMENT REQUIRED – IF OVER 10 PGS ADD \$3.00 PER PAGE <p>ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW ON FINAL SETTLEMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$35.00 FOR HEARING • \$5.00 FOR APPOINTMENT OF GAL + GAL FEE • \$3.00 PER PAGE FOR PUBLICATION/NOTICES
<p>ADOPTION (Includes filing of: Petition, Birth Cert., Marriage License, Consents, Interlocutory Decree, Pre/Post Placement, DHR Notice, Order Setting Hearing, Postage, Final Decree, Report of Adoption, Certified Copies of Final Decree to State, Hearing)</p>	<p>\$75.00</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25.00 FOR NEW ALA BIRTH CERT/\$10.00 FOR OUT OF STATE BIRTH CERT (MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH) • \$35.00 FOR HEARING <p>ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEPENDING UPON THE NECESSITY OF A GAL, CONTESTED ADOPTION REQUIRING AN ADDITIONAL HEARING
<p>ADULT NAME CHANGE (Includes filing of: Petition, Preparing Order Granting Name Change, and (1) Certified Order)</p>	<p>\$32.00</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUST BE A RESIDENT OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY • PROVIDE DRIVER LICENSE OR GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID • BIRTH CERTIFICATE • IF ADDRESS IS DIFFERENT DRIVER LICENSE, NEED COPY OF UTILITY BILL • BACKGROUND CHECK FOR COMPLETE NAME CHANGE AT COST OF PETITIONER
<p>AMENDED PETITION</p>	<p>\$3.00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3.00 PER PAGE
<p>ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATION (Includes filing of: Petition, Exemplified Copies of File from other State/County, Death Cert., Consents, Order, and (3) Letters, and Legal Notice)</p> <p>NOTE: THIS TYPE OF CASE IS FOR AN ESTATE THAT HAS PROPERTY IN TUSCALOOSA COUNTY & RESIDED IN ANOTHER STATE</p>	<p>\$51.00</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUST HAVE CERTIFIED COPY OF FILINGS FROM OTHER COURT/THIS IS FOR 2ND ESTATE THAT HAS PROPERTY IN TUSCALOOSA COUNTY & RESIDED IN ANOTHER STATE • \$35.00 FOR HEARING
<p>AUTHENTICATION OF RECORDS</p>	<p>VARIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5.00 FOR CERTIFICATE + \$3.00 EACH CERTIFICATION + \$1.00 PER PAGE
<p>BOND INCREASE</p>	<p>\$10.00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FILED WHEN INITIAL BOND IS NOT ADEQUATE TO COVER ASSETS ON INVENTORY
<p>CERTIFIED COPIES</p>	<p>VARIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3.00 PER CERTIFIED COPY • ADDITIONAL \$1.00 IF COURT PROVIDES THE COPY
<p>CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATE</p>	<p>\$3.00 PER PAGE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUST BE SIGNED AND NOTARIZED • CLAIM AMOUNT MUST BE STATED ON CLAIM

<p>CONDEMNATION (Includes filing of: Complaint, Notice/Service, Order Setting Hearing, Order Granting Relief, Notice to Commissioners, Waiver of Service by Commissioners, Oath of Commissioners, Report of Commissioners, Decree of Condemnation, Postage, and Hearing)</p>	<p>VARIES</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAP MUST ACCOMPANY COMPLAINT (LARGE ENOUGH FOR VIEWING) • NOTICE TO ALL DEFENDENTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW <p>ALL COURT COSTS WILL BE BILLED UPON ENTERING DECREE</p>
<p>CONSERVATORSHIP (Includes filing of: Petition, Consents/Waivers, Bond, Motion to appoint GAL and Acceptance, Appointment of Physician, Order Setting Hearing, Motion for Service, Order Granting, (3) Certified Letters, and Hearing)</p>	<p>\$434.00</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMERCIAL BOND REQUIRED – MINIMUM \$20,000 • PHYSICIAN LETTER • APPT OF GAL • INVENTORY DUE IN 90 DAYS • ACCOUNTING DUE IN 1 YEAR & EVERY 3 YEARS THEREAFTER • PERSONAL SERVICE ON WARD AND NOTICE TO NEXT OF KIN <p>ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEPENDING UPON COST OF GAL AND/OR PHYSICIAN AND WILL BE DUE UPON GRANTING OF LETTERS • ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR PARTIAL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT
<p>DISCLAIMER</p>	<p>VARIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3.00 PER PAGE
<p>DISPUTE/OBJECTION TO CLAIM (Includes filing of: Motion/Dispute, Order Setting Hearing, Motion for Service, Publication Notice, Order, and Hearing)</p>	<p>\$44.00</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HEARING • NOTICE TO CLAIMANT(S) • NOTICE TO BONDING COMPANY IF BOND IS POSTED
<p>EXEMPTIONS & ALLOWANCES (Includes filing of: Petition and Order Granting)</p>	<p>VARIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$35.00 TO SET ASIDE HOMESTEAD • \$20.00 FAMILY ALLOWANCE • \$20.00 EXEMPT PROPERTY <p>ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$35.00 FOR HEARING
<p>FAST TRACK GUARDIANSHIP (Includes filing of: Petition, Consents/Waivers, Motion to appoint GAL and Acceptance, Appointment of Physician, Order Setting Hearing, Order Granting and (3) Certified Letters)</p> <p>NOTE: MAY BE FILED BY A CUSTODIAL PARENT OR SIBLING OF AN INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED PERSON</p>	<p>\$419.00</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHYSICIAN LETTER • APPT OF GAL • \$35.00 FOR HEARING <p>ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEPENDING UPON COST OF GAL AND/OR PHYSICIAN AND WILL BE DUE UPON GRANTING OF LETTERS
<p>FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE (Includes filing of: Petition, Consents/Waivers, Bond Waiver, and Order on Final Settlement)</p>	<p>VARIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO CHARGE UP TO (10) PAGES. ADD \$3.00 PER PAGE OVER (10) PAGES <p>ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEPENDING UPON NECESSITY OF HEARING, PUBLICATION, OR APPT OF GAL
<p>FOREIGN WILL (ANCILLARY) (Includes filing of: Petition, Exemplied Copy of File from other State, Cert copy of Will, Death Cert, Order Granting, and (3) Certified Letters)</p> <p>NOTE: THIS TYPE OF CASE IS FOR AN ESTATE THAT HAS PROPERTY IN TUSCALOOSA COUNTY & RESIDED IN ANOTHER STATE</p>	<p>\$51.00</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUST HAVE EXEMPLIFIED/CERTIFIED COPY OF FILE FROM OTHER STATE/COURT <p>ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$35.00 FOR HEARING IF NEEDED

<p>GUARDIANSHIP/CONSERVATORSHIP (Includes filing of: Petition, Consents/Waivers, Bond, Motion to appoint GAL and Acceptance, Appointment of Physician, Order Setting Hearing, Motion for Service, Order Granting, (3) Certified Letters, and Hearing)</p>	<p>\$454.00</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMERCIAL BOND – MINIMUM \$20,000 • PHYSICIAN LETTER • APPT OF GAL • INVENTORY DUE IN 90 DAYS FOR CONSERVATORSHIP • ACCOUNTING DUE IN 1 YEAR & EVERY 3 YEARS THEREAFTER • PERSONAL SERVICE ON WARD AND NOTICE TO NEXT OF KIN <p>ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEPENDING UPON COST OF GAL AND/OR PHYSICIAN AND WILL BE DUE UPON GRANTING OF LETTERS
<p>GUARDIANSHIP (Includes filing of: Petition, Consents/Waivers, Motion to appoint GAL and Acceptance, Appointment of Physician, Order Setting Hearing, Motion for Service, Order Granting, (3) Certified Letters, and Hearing)</p>	<p>\$424.00</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHYSICIAN LETTER • APPT OF GAL • PERSONAL SERVICE ON WARD AND NOTICE TO NEXT OF KIN <p>ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEPENDING UPON COST OF GAL AND/OR PHYSICIAN AND WILL BE DUE UPON GRANTING OF LETTERS
<p>HEARING / DOCKET</p>	<p>\$35.00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HEARINGS ARE \$25.00 / DOCKET IS \$10.00
<p>INSOLVENT ESTATE (Includes filing of: Report of Insolvency with Statement and Affidavit, Notice to Creditors, Publication, Declaration of Insolvency, Hearing x 2, and Order on Final Settlement)</p>	<p>\$91.00</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REPORT OF INSOLVENCY MUST INCLUDE STATEMENT AND AFFIDAVIT • NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN TO CREDITORS AND ANY INTERESTED PARTIES BY PUBLICATION ONCE A WEEK FOR (3) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS AND BY MAIL • (2) HEARINGS, (1) FOR REPORT OF INSOLVENCY AND (1) FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT
<p>INVENTORY</p>	<p>VARIES</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$13.00 FOR FIRST PAGE AND \$3.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE • MUST BE SIGNED AND NOTARIZED • MUST BE ITEMIZED
<p>LEGITIMATION (Includes filing of: Declaration, Birth Certificate, Consent of mother, Waiver of mother, Consent of minor, and Order of Legitimation with Certified Copy for Petitioner and Vital Statistics.)</p>	<p>\$45.00</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25.00 CHECK PAYABLE TO CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS IF MINOR OR \$20.00 FOR ADULT <p>ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$6.00 EXTRA FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE PAYABLE TO CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS
<p>MARRIAGE CORRECTION (Includes filing of: Petition, Entering Order, and Certified Copy for Petitioner and State.)</p>	<p>\$30.00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORDER WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR CORRECTION
<p>MINOR CONSERVATORSHIP (Includes filing of: Petition, Consents/Waivers, Bond, Motion to appoint GAL and Acceptance, Order Setting Hearing, Order Granting, (3) Certified Letters, and Hearing)</p>	<p>\$429.00</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMERCIAL BOND – MINIMUM \$20,000 • APPT OF GAL • INVENTORY DUE IN 90 DAYS • ACCOUNTING DUE IN 1 YEAR & EVERY 3 YEARS THEREAFTER • NOTICE TO NEXT OF KIN <p>ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEPENDING UPON COST OF GAL AND WILL BE DUE UPON GRANTING OF LETTERS

MINOR GUARDIANSHIP (Includes filing of: Petition, Consents/Waivers, Motion to appoint GAL and Acceptance, Order Setting Hearing, Order Granting, (3) Certified Letters, and Hearing)	\$429.00	REQUIREMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPT OF GAL • NOTICE TO NEXT OF KIN ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEPENDING UPON COST OF GAL AND WILL BE DUE UPON GRANTING OF LETTERS
MINOR NAME CHANGE (Includes filing of: Petition, Consent of Parent, Order Granting Name Change and (1) Certified Order)	\$32.00	REQUIREMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUST BE A RESIDENT OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY • PETITIONER MUST BE A PARENT(S) • CONSENT OF PARENT • DRIVER LICENSE OF PETITIONER(S) • CERTIFIED COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE WITHIN THE LAST 30 DAYS ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COST OF PUBLICATION IF NEEDED • APPOINTMENT OF GAL+ COST OF GAL IF REQUIRED/HEARING
MOTIONS & EXTRA FILINGS	VARIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3.00 PER PAGE
NOTICE OF APPEARANCE	VARIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3.00 PER PAGE
RE-OPEN ESTATE (Includes filing of: Petition, Consents/Waivers, Order Granting Letters, and (3) Certified Letters)	\$57.00	REQUIREMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IF ADMINISTRATION, COMMERCIAL BOND REQUIRED – MIN \$20,000 • INVENTORY REQUIRED IN 60 DAYS - \$3.00 PER PAGE • FINAL SETTLEMENT REQUIRED – IF OVER 10 PGS ADD \$3.00 PER PAGE ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$35.00 FOR HEARING • \$5.00 FOR APPOINTMENT OF GAL • \$3.00 PER PAGE FOR PUBLICATION/NOTICES
SAFE DEPOSIT BOX ENTRY (Includes filing of: Petition, Order, and Inventory Sheet) NOTE: COURT STAFF AND SHERIFF’S DEPUTY WILL INVENTORY THE BOX	\$41.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$29.00 PAYABLE TO JUDGE OF PROBATE • \$12.50 PAYABLE TO TUSCALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE REQUIREMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PROVIDE NAME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION • SAFE DEPOSIT BOX NUMBER AND KEY
SALE OF REAL PROPERTY (Includes filing of: Petition, Contract, Appraisal, Consents/Waivers, Certified Order Granting Sale, and Hearing)	VARIES	REQUIREMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SALES CONTRACT • APPRAISAL • CONSENTS FROM NEXT OF KIN/BENEFICIARIES/NOTICE • ORDER SETTING HEARING IF NOT BY CONSENT ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$35.00 FOR HEARING • \$5.00 FOR APPOINTMENT OF GAL IF NEEDED + GAL FEE • \$3.00 PER PAGE FOR PUBLICATION/NOTICES
SATISFACTION OF CLAIM	\$3.00 PER PAGE	REQUIREMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUST BE SIGNED AND NOTARIZED • SATISFACTION AMOUNT MUST BE STATED ON SATISFACTION
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR AD COLLIGENDUM (Includes filing of: Petition and Order)	\$54.00	REQUIREMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INVENTORY

SUBPOENA	\$3.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADDITIONAL \$12.50 IF SERVED BY SHERIFF AND MADE PAYABLE TO TUSCALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION (Includes filing of: Petition, Death Cert., Waivers, Order Directing Summary Distribution, Final Order, and Legal Notice)	\$51.00	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEGAL NOTICE TO RUN ONLY ONCE <p>ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$35.00 FOR HEARING \$5.00 FOR APPOINTMENT OF GAL IF NEEDED + GAL FEE \$3.00 PER PAGE FOR PUBLICATION/NOTICES
TEMPORARY/EMERGENCY GUARDIANSHIP (Includes filing of: Petition, Physician Letter, Order Granting, and (3) Certified Letters) NOTE: MAY EXTEND IF NEEDED UNTIL HEARING ON PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP	\$39.00	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHYSICIAN LETTER INDICATING NEED FOR EMERGENCY
TEMPORARY/EMERGENCY GUARDIANSHIP EXTENSION (Includes filing of: Motion, Order Granting, and (3) Certified Letters)	\$32.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
WILL (Includes filing of: Petition, Death Cert., Waivers, Order Granting Letters, Legal Notice, and (3) Certified Letters)	\$51.00	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ORIGINAL WILL REQUIRED AND WILL REMAIN WITH THE COURT <p>ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY AS BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3.00 PER PAGE IF WILL EXCEEDS (5) PAGES \$35.00 FOR HEARING \$5.00 FOR APPOINTMENT OF GAL IF NEEDED + GAL FEE \$3.00 PER PAGE FOR PUBLICATION/NOTICES FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT, ADD \$3.00 PER PAGE IF EXCEEDS (10) PAGES

- NOTICES BY CERTIFIED MAIL ARE TO BE PREPARED BY AND SERVED BY THE ATTORNEY
- NORTHPORT GAZETTE AND TUSCALOOSA NEWS ARE THE NEWSPAPERS IN TUSCALOOSA COUNTY. PUBLICATION NOTICES ARE TO BE FILED WITH THE COURT, AND THE COURT WILL SEND TO THE NEWSPAPER. THE NEWSPAPER WILL BILL THE ATTORNEY. MUST INCLUDE ATTORNEY BILLING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW MANY TIMES IT MUST RUN
- FILING FEES ARE DUE AT TIME OF FILING. ADDITIONAL COURT COSTS WILL BE BILLED TO THE ATTORNEY