

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS
ANGELES

NOTICE TO
ATTORNEYS

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John A. Clarke, Executive Officer/Clerk, announces that, as a result of the 2003 Budget Act approved by Governor Gray Davis, the following new and increased fees will be collected as of the dates indicated. These changes are designed to maintain access and continue public services in the California trial courts at a time of unprecedented deficits in the State Budget. The fees were included in Assembly Bill 1759, Chapter 159 of the Statutes of 2003 - urgency legislation that is necessary for implementation of the 2003 Budget Act.

A summary of the changes in court fees follows. When effective, a complete chart will be posted on the Court's Web site at www.lasuperiorcourt.org and made available at the clerk's office in each court location accepting civil, probate, or family law filings.

SUMMARY OF FEE CHANGES

Effective immediately, and through August 15th, 2003 only:

Court Reporter Fee, due per party on filing initiating complaint, petition, or first paper, except in small claims, probate and limited civil cases \$10,000 or less \$ 25.00

Effective August 18th, 2003:

To file unlimited civil, family action or proceedings or papers on transfer from another court	\$ 269.50
Summary Dissolution Petition	\$ 294.50
Limited civil case over \$10,000	\$ 277.50
Unlawful detainer over 10,000	\$ 281.50
Reporter fee - for each additional party participating in a complaint or petition	\$ 25.00
Limited civil case \$10,000 or less	\$ 140.30
If accompanied by declaration per B&P §6322.1	\$ 136.30
Unlawful detainer \$10,000 or less	\$ 144.30
To file answer or other first paper adverse in unlimited civil, family, probate action	\$ 266.20
Limited civil case over \$10,000	\$ 277.50
Limited civil case \$10,000 or less	\$ 137.00
If complaint was accompanied by a declaration per B&P §6322.1	\$ 133.00

SUMMARY OF FEE CHANGES (continued)

Effective August 18th, 2003 (continued):

To file first probate petition for decedent's estate, or first account of testamentary trustee, estate under \$250,000	\$ 244.50
\$250,000 to \$499,999	\$ 316.00
\$500,000 to \$749,999	\$ 426.00
\$750,000 to \$999,999	\$ 591.00
\$1,000,000 to \$1,499,999	\$1,141.00
\$1,500,000 to \$1,999,999	\$2,241.00
\$2,000,000 to \$2,499,999	\$2,791.00
\$2,500,000 to \$3,499,999	\$3,891.00
\$3,500,000 or greater, plus 0.2% of amount over, plus 10% surcharge	\$3,891.00+
To file other probate petition as first paper	\$ 244.50
To file SUBSEQUENT probate petition by person other than original petitioner	\$ 244.50
To file small claims case in excess of 12 cases in 12 months	\$ 66.00
To file civil or family notice of motion or other paper requiring a hearing	\$ 36.30
To file motion or stipulation to continue or postpone trial	\$ 110.00
To file motion for summary judgment or adjudication	\$ 165.00
To file appeal of unlimited civil case, made payable to the Court of Appeal	\$ 665.00
(\$100 transcript and appeal processing deposit payable to Superior Court remains unchanged)	
Complex case fee, payable by each and every party, due upon filing of designation or opposition, or within 10 days of order designating a case as complex litigation	\$ 550.00
Court security fee, payable by each defendant or traffic citee (except parking) convicted or referred to traffic school, for offenses dated on or after August 18, 2003	\$ 20.00
(\$20 security fee in civil cases is included in above first paper fees.)	

Effective October 1, 2003:

The fee for a Court Reporter for each one-half day (over 1 hour, pro rata basis), will increase from \$255.00 to	\$ 262.00
and the fee for a daily reporter transcript-second court reporter, per day, will increase from \$309.00 to	\$ 318.00