

KAUFMAN COUNTY
PROBATE COURT FEE SCHEDULE

<i>PROBATE FEES:</i>	<i>On or After 01/01/2014</i>
Application for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary	\$352.00
Application for Probate of Will as Muniment of Title	\$352.00
Application – Appointment of Independent/Dependent Administrator With Will	\$352.00
Application – Appointment of Administrator of Temporary Administrator	\$352.00
Application – Appointment of Independent/Dependent Administrator and Determination of Heirship	\$810.00
Application – Determination of Heirship	\$810.00
Service of Citation, Per Party (Attorney specifies) In County Only	\$100.00
Application – Appointment of Guardian (Includes personal service of citation) To Ward	\$810.00
Probate or civil Adverse Action (Does not include posted notice or personal citation)	\$95.00
Foreign Will, Issuance of Letters of Testamentary	\$352.00
Foreign Will (For recording only)	\$237.00
Application - Sale of Minor's Property by a Parent W/O Guardianship	\$352.00
Small Estate Affidavit	\$239.00
<i>PROBATE MISCELLANEOUS FEES:</i>	
Claim	\$2.00
Letters Testamentary, Administration, Independent Administrator (Does not include copies)	\$2.00
Filing Annual Report of a person	\$12.00
Filing Annual Account of Estate	\$27.00
Filing Final Account of Estate	\$127.00
Filing Application for Sale of Real or Personal Property	\$127.00
Jury Fee	\$22.00
Filing an Inventory and Appraisement after 90 th day after date of qualification	\$27.00
Copies (per page)	\$1.00
Certification (per document)	\$5.00
Records Search	\$10.00
Safekeeping of a Will	\$26.00
Amended Application	\$27.00
Judge's Signature	\$2.00

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PROBATE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What does it mean to probate?

A. To probate is to carry out the wishes of the deceased.

Q. How long does it take to probate?

A. Usually a will can be probated within sixty days, depending how soon the application to probate is filed.

Q. Can a copy of a will be probated?

A. Yes, you can probate a copy of a will but it must comply with the Probate Code.

Q. Where do you probate?

A. You should probate a will in the county where you live or where the decedent resided.

There are many ways to probate:

- Application to probate will for Letters Testamentary
- Muniment of Title
- Determination of Heirship
- Administration
- Small Estates

The application to probate is filed in the County Clerk's office along with the will and a filing fee. A posting will be done and returned to the office the first Monday next after ten days. Legal papers must be prepared before the hearing. After the hearing certified copies will be issued as needed.

Q. The bank sent me here for Letters Testamentary to close an account. What should I do?

A. First you must determine if you need to probate for Letters Testamentary or one of the other methods of probate. As with any legal matter, contract an experienced attorney is always the safest choice.

Q. I just drew up a new will. Do I need to have it recorded?

A. No, we do not record wills; however, we will file your will in safekeeping. There is a \$26.00 fee for this service.

Q. Does every will need to be probated?

A. An attorney can help you determine the legalities of the estate and whether there is a need for probate.

Q. Can you recommend an attorney?

A. No, we cannot legally recommend anyone. However, the State Bar of Texas (800-252-9690 or www.texasbar.com) can provide a list. You may also look in the area phonebook.

Q. What is an Attorney Ad-Litem?

A. An Attorney Ad-Litem is an attorney appointed by the court to represent the best interest of the other party. Not all types of Probate proceedings require an Attorney Ad-Litem.

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