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RE: Legislative Changes: New Fees Effective June 1 and July 1, 2009

In an effort to address statewide budget requirements, the Florida legislature recently approved Senate Bill 1718 which imposes additional costs for select court-related services, while lowering other selected fees. Effective dates begin June 1, 2009, unless otherwise noted.

Below, please find a summary list of affected court services and related new fees.

For a *complete* list of all fees, please visit the Sarasota County Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller website at www.SarasotaClerk.com.

FEE CHANGES (most are effective June 1, 2009)

CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL	FEE
Filing Fees for Civil Actions	
A. Any civil action (except real property, mortgage foreclosure, dissolution (Chapter 61), child support, custody, foreign custody (Chapter 61), domestic relations (Chapter 741), determination of parentage (Chapter 742), conservatorship (Chapter 747), grandparent visitation rights (Chapter 752), supervised visitation (Chapter 753)	\$400.00
B. Any civil action proceeding under child support, custody, foreign custody (Chapter 61), domestic relations (Chapter 741), determination of parentage (Chapter 742), conservatorship (Chapter 747), grandparent visitation rights (Chapter 752), supervised visitation (Chapter 753),	300.00
C. Any civil action under dissolution (Chapter 61)	397.50
D. Any real property or mortgage foreclosure action where the value of the claim is \$50,000 or less	400.00
E. Any real property or mortgage foreclosure action where the value of the claim is greater than \$50,000 and less than \$250,000	905.00
F. Any real property or mortgage foreclosure action where the value of the claim is greater than \$250,000	1905.00
G. Any civil party filing for affirmative relief by cross-claim, counterclaim, counterpetition or third party complaint in a civil action (except real property, mortgage foreclosure, dissolution (Chapter 61), child support, custody, foreign custody (Chapter 61), domestic relations (Chapter 741), determination of parentage (Chapter 742), conservatorship (Chapter 747), grandparent visitation rights (Chapter 752), supervised visitation (Chapter 753).	395.00
H. Any civil party filing for affirmative relief by cross-claim, counterclaim, counterpetition or third party complaint in a civil action proceeding under child support, custody, foreign custody (Chapter 61), dissolution (Chapter 61), domestic relations (Chapter 741), determination of parentage (Chapter 742), conservatorship (Chapter 747), grandparent visitation rights (Chapter 752), supervised visitation (Chapter 753).	295.00
I. Any civil party filing for affirmative relief by cross-claim, counterclaim,	395.00

counterpetition or third party complaint in a real property or mortgage foreclosure action in which the value of the pleading is \$50,000 or less	
J. Any civil party filing for affirmative relief by cross-claim, counterclaim, counterpetition or third party complaint in a real property or mortgage foreclosure action in which the value of the pleading is greater than \$50,000 and less than \$250,000	\$900.00
K. Any civil party filing for affirmative relief by cross-claim, counterclaim, counterpetition or third party complaint in a real property or mortgage foreclosure action in which the value of the pleading is greater than \$250,000	1900.00
COUNTY COURT CIVIL	FEE
a. For removal of tenant action (EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2009)	185.00
b. For all claims of not more than \$1,000 filed simultaneously with an action for replevin of property that is the subject of the claim. (EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2009)	125.00
PROBATE	FEE
For opening of any estate of one document or more, including but not limited to: Petitions and Orders to approve settlement of minor's claims; to open a safe deposit box; to enter rooms and places; for the determination of heirs (if not a formal administration); and for a foreign guardian to manage property of a non-resident. Note: This procedure is not for issuance of letters or orders of summary or family administration	231.00
Petition and order to admit foreign wills, authenticated copies, exemplified copies or transcript of record	231.00
For disposition of personal property without administration	231.00
Summary administration less than \$1000	235.00
Summary administration \$1,000 or more	345.00
Formal administration, guardianship, ancillary, curatorship, or conservatorship proceedings	400.00
Guardianship proceeding of person only	235.00
Veterans Administration Guardianship	235.00
Petition for determination of incompetence	231.00



Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.