

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 23-20**

Probate Division Fee Guidelines for Court-Appointed Fiduciaries

WHEREAS, D.C. Code § 21-2060(a) provides the statutory basis for compensation and allows compensation to court-appointed fiduciaries in the Probate Division of the District of Columbia Superior Court;

WHEREAS, the Fee Guidelines Working Group, composed of judges and members from both the private and public sector, crafted the District of Columbia Superior Court Probate Division Fee Petitions Guidelines (“Guidelines”);

WHEREAS, the Guidelines are intended to promote consistency and fairness in the billing for, and approval of, compensation for court-appointed fiduciaries in the Probate Division of the District of Columbia Superior Court;

WHEREAS, a request for compensation shall be in the form of a verified petition filed by the fiduciary. The petition must indicate whether the fiduciary is seeking compensation from the estate, the Guardianship Fund, or both;

WHEREAS, fee petitions shall be considered by the case-assigned Associate Judge, a Senior Judge or a Magistrate Judge of the Court;

WHEREAS, the Court, when determining whether tasks performed by fiduciaries are part of a fiduciary’s duties under Titles 19, 20 and 21 of the D.C. Code, and are therefore compensable, shall consider the reasonableness of the compensation;

WHEREAS, the Court, when addressing the reasonableness of compensation, shall consider the time, labor, and skill to perform the legal services, the fee customarily charged in the area for similar services, the fiduciaries’ experience and ability; and the limitations imposed by the client or ward;

WHEREAS, the Court shall approve the amount of compensation, as well as the source of the compensation;

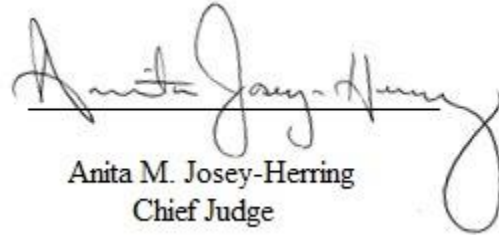
NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby,

ORDERED, that the District of Columbia Superior Court Probate Division Fee Petitions Guidelines are hereby adopted for use until further Order of the Court; and

FURTHER ORDERED, that this Administrative Order shall be effective on November

1, 2023, and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

SO ORDERED.



Anita M. Josey-Herring
Chief Judge

Date: September 29, 2023

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