

ANNOUNCEMENT

Delaware Courts implement modest increase in fees to go into effect August 15, 2018

Consistent with budget epilogue language adopted by the Delaware General Assembly, the Delaware Judiciary will be implementing a modest increase in a variety of court fees to help the state courts to cover increased costs of operation and to make important investments in the justice system that will benefit litigants, the Bar and the public. The increases are not across-the-board but instead are targeted and limited to a handful of fees in each court. The amount of each fee increase was also carefully reviewed by each court for reasonableness and to ensure that any adjustment did not act as a barrier for lower income litigants.

Some of the increases were part of a phased increase of certain fees that began in 2015 and will be completed this year.

The increases will take effect on August 15, 2018 and have been adopted by orders or amendments or internal procedures approved by Judicial Officers of the Delaware Supreme Court, the Court of Chancery, Superior Court, Court of Common Pleas, Family Court and the Justice of the Peace Court.

An attached list details each of the affected fees by court.

Additional information can be found on the Delaware Courts' rules page at <https://courts.delaware.gov/rules/>.

Court Fee Increases (as of August 15, 2018)

Supreme Court– Certificate of Good Standing fee (\$5 increase: \$5 - \$10)

Supreme Court – Bar Admission fee (\$50 increase: \$100 - \$150)

Court of Chancery – Docketing fee (\$0.25 increase: \$1.75 - \$2.00)

Court of Chancery – Exception to a Master’s final report (\$100 increase: \$100 to \$200)

Court of Chancery – New case/petition with 1 or 2 defendants (\$50 increase: \$250 to \$300)

Court of Chancery – New case/petition with 3+ defendants (\$100 increase: \$350 to \$450)

Court of Chancery – Amended complaint (\$100 increase: \$150 to \$250)

Court of Chancery – Motion/app for expedited proceed (\$200 increase: \$300 to \$500)

Superior Court – Civil filing (complaints) fee (\$10 increase: \$190 - \$200)

Superior Court – Complex commercial litigation (\$60 increase: \$190 - \$250)

Superior Court – Rule 77 Fees

Abstract of judgment from the Justice of the Peace (\$5 increase: \$5 to \$10)

All other admin agencies (\$10 increase: \$190 to \$200)

Bad check processing (\$5 increase: \$30 to \$35)

Certificate of abatement (\$5 increase: \$10 to \$15)

Certified copies 3 pages or less (\$5 increase: \$10 to \$15)

Certiorari (\$10 increase: \$190 to \$200)

City and County monitions tax lien (\$25 increase: \$25 to \$50)

Closed case retrieval fee (\$15 increase: \$10 to \$25)

Copy charge (max per page) (\$0.50 increase: \$1.50 to \$2.00)

Court of Common Pleas (\$10 increase \$190 to \$200)

Demolition Lien (\$10 increase: \$10 to \$20)

Each writ (\$15 increase: \$50 to \$65)

Expedited closed case retrieval fee (\$25 increase: \$25 to \$50)

Foreign judgment (\$10 increase: \$55 to \$65)

Judgment marked to the use of another party (\$5 increase: \$10 to \$15)

Jury panel listing (\$25 increase: \$25 to \$50)

Mandamus (\$10 increase: \$190 to \$200)

Mortgages/liens (\$10 increase: \$190 to \$200)

Motor Vehicle appeal (\$10 increase: \$190 to \$200)

Notary fee (\$2.50 increase: \$5.00 to \$7.50)

Petition for Sheriff’s deed (\$5 increase: \$20 to \$25)

Power of attorney for Prothonotary to satisfy (\$5 increase: \$20 to \$25)

Prohibition (\$10 increase: \$190 to \$200)

Quo Warranto (\$10 increase: \$190 to \$200)

Recount of vote (\$10 increase: \$190 to \$200)

Road vacation (\$10 increase: \$190 to \$200)

Rule 58.1 confession of judgment (\$10 increase: \$190 to \$200)

Rule 58.3 execution of judgment (\$20 increase: \$30 to \$50)

Tax Ditch (\$10 increase: \$190 to \$200)

Testatum (transfer to another county) (\$5 increase: \$10 to \$15)

Transfers from other state and district court (\$25 increase: \$25 to \$50)

Family Court – Ancillary matters filing fee (\$5 increase: \$85 to \$90)

Family Court – Civil filing – divorce (\$5 increase: \$160 - \$165)

Family Court – Civil filing – custody, guardianship & visitation
(\$5 increase: \$85 - \$90)

Family Court – Civil filing – all others fee (\$5 increase: \$85 - \$90)

Family Court – Motions filed pursuant to Family Court Civil Rule 60(b) (\$5 increase: \$85 - \$90)

Family Court – Adoption (\$5 increase: \$85 - \$90)

Court of Common Pleas – Criminal jury trial fee (\$5 increase: \$130 - \$135)

Court of Common Pleas – Criminal non-jury trial fee (\$3 increase: \$52 - \$55)

Justice of the Peace Court – Judgment revivals (\$10 increase: \$10 - \$20)

Justice of the Peace Court – Landlord/tenant dispute (\$5 increase: \$30 - \$35)

Justice of the Peace Court – Writ of possession (\$5 increase: \$35 - \$40)

Justice of the Peace Court – Landlord/tenant appeal (\$10 increase: \$50 - \$60)

Justice of the Peace Court – Trespass claims (\$5 increase: \$30 - \$35)