

# THE COURTS

## Title 204—JUDICIAL SYSTEM GENERAL PROVISIONS

### PART VII. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PENNSYLVANIA COURTS

[ 204 PA. CODE CH. 211 ]

#### Judicial Salaries

##### Annex A

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#### CHAPTER 211. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND JUDICIAL SALARIES

##### § 211.1a. Consumer Price Index—judicial salaries.

The Court Administrator of Pennsylvania reports that the percentage change in the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-DE-NJ-MD, Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the 12-month period ending October 2024, was 3.4 percent (3.4%). (See U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index, Wednesday, November 13, 2024.)

##### § 211.2. Judicial salaries effective January 1, 2025.

The annual judicial salaries for calendar year beginning January 1, 2025 will be adjusted by a cost-of-living factor.

###### (a) *Supreme Court.*

(1) The annual salary of a justice of the Supreme Court shall be \$261,976.

(2) The annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be \$269,599.

###### (b) *Superior Court.*

(1) The annual salary of a judge of the Superior Court shall be \$247,188.

(2) The annual salary of the President Judge of the Superior Court shall be \$254,807.

###### (c) *Commonwealth Court.*

(1) The annual salary of a judge of the Commonwealth Court shall be \$247,188.

(2) The annual salary of the President Judge of the Commonwealth Court shall be \$254,807.

###### (d) *Courts of common pleas.*

(1) The annual salary of a judge of the court of common pleas shall be \$227,411.

(2) The annual salaries of the president judges of the courts of common pleas shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

(i) Allegheny County, \$231,222.

(ii) Philadelphia County, \$231,985.

(iii) Judicial districts having six or more judges, \$229,393.

(iv) Judicial districts having five or fewer judges, \$228,403.

(v) Administrative judges of the divisions of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County with six or more judges, \$229,393.

(vi) Administrative judges of the divisions of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County with five or fewer judges, \$228,403.

(vii) Administrative judges of the divisions of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County with six or more judges, \$229,393.

(viii) Administrative judges of the divisions of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County with five or fewer judges, \$228,403.

###### (e) *Philadelphia Municipal Court.*

(1) The annual salary of a judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court shall be \$222,149.

(2) The annual salary of the President Judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court shall be \$225,581.

(g) *Magisterial district judge.* The annual salary of a magisterial district judge shall be \$113,713.

(h) *Senior judges.* The compensation of the senior judges pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 4121 (relating to assignment of judges) shall be \$707 per day. In any calendar year the amount of compensation which a senior judge shall be permitted to earn as a senior judge shall not when added to retirement income paid by the Commonwealth for such senior judge exceed the compensation payable by the Commonwealth to a judge then in regular active service on the court from which said senior judge retired. A senior judge who so elects may serve without being paid all or any portion of the compensation provided by this section.

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## Title 255—LOCAL COURT RULES

### CUMBERLAND COUNTY

#### Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court Fee Schedule; No. 21-24-001

##### Order of Court

And now this 8th day of November, 2024, upon consideration of the motion for increase of the Fee Schedule by the Cumberland County Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court, Lisa M. Grayson, Esq., and in accordance with 42 P.S. § 21022.1, relating to the fees and charges of the Register of Wills office and 42 P.S. § 21032.1, relating to the fees and charges of the Orphans' Court, it is hereby

It is *Ordered* and *Decreed* that the Fee Schedules for the Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court, as follows hereto, is approved and adopted effective January 1, 2025. This order supersedes prior fee order at 21-21-0001.

The Cumberland County District Court Administrator is *Ordered* to:

1. File one copy of this order with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts;

2. File one Word document and one signed PDF with the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*;

3. Publish the Fee Schedule on the website of the Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas;

4. Forward one copy of this Fee Schedule for publication in the *Cumberland County Law Journal*;

5. Forward one copy of this Fee Schedule to the Cumberland County Law Library; and

6. Keep copies of this Fee Schedule continuously available for public inspection and copying in the Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphan's Court Office.

By the Court

EDWARD E. GUIDO,  
President Judge

**Cumberland County—January 1, 2025  
Register of Wills Fee Schedule**

**SURCHARGES**

Automation Fee	\$14.75
JCS Fee	\$40.25
Postage Surcharge (envelope & postage for up to 5 pages)	\$1.00

**PROBATE LETTERS\***

Not exceeding \$2,000	\$20.00
\$2,001 to \$5,000	\$30.00
\$5,001 to \$10,000	\$45.00
\$10,001 to \$25,000	\$60.00
\$25,001 to \$50,000	\$90.00
\$50,001 to \$75,000	\$135.00
\$75,001 to \$100,000	\$210.00
For each additional \$100,000 or fraction thereof	\$50.00
Probate w/o ltrs. or subsequent Pet.	\$20.00

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Affidavit or Oath, executing (per form) includes Subscribing & Non-Subscribing Witness	\$10.00
Appeal from the Register	\$50.00
Bonds	\$20.00
Caveat/Informal Caveat	\$50.00
Certified Copy Up to 10 pages, \$.50 each add'l page	\$10.00
Citation, issued by Register	\$40.00
Codicil	\$20.00
Commissions to take Oath or Testimony	\$50.00
Death Certificate, filing	\$20.00
Election to take under or against the will	\$20.00
Exemplified Copies	
Exemplified Record, incoming file	\$20.00
Single document, issuing	\$20.00

Probate Record, issuing	\$50.00
Inheritance Tax Return*	\$20.00
Inheritance Tax Return—Supplemental	\$20.00
Inventory or Affidavit in lieu of Inventory*	\$20.00
Lodging of Will Receipt	\$10.00
Petitions	\$50.00
Photocopies	
Per page	\$.50
Digital up to 20 docs, \$1.00 per doc. add'l	\$20.00
Praeipce	\$10.00
Renunciation (per person)	\$10.00
Research,	
Initial 15 minutes, (per name)	\$20.00
Per hour after initial 15 minutes	\$20.00
Return Check Charges	\$30.00
Short Certificate	\$10.00
Small Estate Affidavit (for insurance proceeds under \$11,000)	\$20.00
Stipulation	\$20.00
On-line Subscription—1 day	\$10.00
—1 week	\$20.00
—1 month	\$50.00
—1 year	\$200.00
Subpoena	\$20.00
Tax Certificate, issuing or filing	\$20.00
Will	\$20.00

\*Payable at time of probate.

-Where the gross value has been underestimated on the Petition for Probate, probate fees will be adjusted and charged on the actual value. All fees must be paid in full before final confirmation and settlement of estate.

-Where the gross value of an estate has been overestimated on the Petition for Probate, overpayment will not be refunded.

-Services not specifically scheduled shall be charged based on like services.

-Overpayment of less than ten (10) dollars will not be refunded.

**Cumberland County—January 1, 2025  
Orphans' Court Fee Schedule**

**SURCHARGES**

Automation Fee	\$14.75
JCS Fee	\$40.25
Postage Surcharge (envelope & postage for up to 5 pages)	\$1.00

**ACCOUNTS—Gross Value\* not over \$100,000**

Account	\$50.00
Petition for Adjudication	\$50.00
Advertising	\$250.00

Receipt and Release	\$10.00
Objections/Exceptions	\$20.00
For Each Additional \$100,000 or Fraction Thereof	\$50.00

**ADOPTION (ONE CHILD PER DOCUMENT\*\*)**

Petition for Adoption	\$50.00
Report of Intention to Adopt	\$20.00
Report of Intermediary	\$20.00
Petition for Termination of Rights or Relinquishment (Vol. or Invol.)	\$50.00
Petition to Confirm Consent to Adopt	\$50.00
Act 34 Fund	\$75.00
Home Study Fee (per family)	\$500.00
Investigation Identifying or Non-Identifying	\$50.00

**GUARDIANSHIP**

Annual Report of Guardian	\$20.00
Annual Report of Guardian, filed electronically through GTS	No Charge
Bond, filing and approval	\$20.00
Guardian Inventory	\$20.00
Guardian Inventory, filed electronically through GTS	No Charge
Petition for Appointment, filing	\$50.00
Petition for Discharge, filing	\$50.00
Petition for Successor Guardian, filing	\$50.00

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**

Certified Marriage Record	\$10.00
Judicial 3 day Waiver Petition	\$50.00
Marriage License (Cash, check or credit card)	\$70.00
Military Waiver	No Charge
Replacement Marriage License—(before Marriage takes place)	\$20.00
Affidavit of No Marriage	\$20.00

**ORPHANS' COURT—MISCELLANEOUS**

Appeal to Appellate Court	\$75.00
Fee payable to Appellate Court	\$90.25
Certified Copy of Instruments Up to 10 pages, \$.50 each add'l page	\$10.00
Citation, issued by Clerk of Orphan's Court	\$40.00
Commissions on monies paid into, held or controlled by the court (including CDs, bonds and Escrow Accounts)	5% per year
Claim	\$10.00
Decree awarding real estate	\$10.00
Disclaimer	\$10.00
Family settlement agreement	\$20.00
Motion	\$50.00

Petition	\$50.00
Photocopies	
Per page	\$.50
Digital up to 20 docs, add'l \$1.00 per doc.	\$20.00
Praecipe	\$10.00
Objections/Exceptions	\$20.00
Release	\$10.00
Research, initial 15 minutes (per name)	\$20.00
Research, per hour after initial 15 min	\$20.00
Return Check Charge	\$30.00
Satisfaction	\$10.00
Stipulation	\$20.00
Trust	\$20.00

\*Gross Value=the taxable estate assets plus income generated by the estate. If there is a testamentary trust, then the gross value shall be only the income generated by the trust.

\*\*For confidentiality reasons, each child is assigned a separate docket number; therefore, each document filed should reference only one child.

- Services not specifically scheduled shall be charged based on like services. Overpayment of less than ten (10) dollars will not be refunded.

- The Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court requests that each motion/petition filed seek only one type of relief and reference only one docket number. If a party files a single motion/petition seeking multiple forms of relief, then that party shall be charged as if it had filed a separate motion/petition for each requested matter of relief. If a party files a single motion/petition referencing multiple docket numbers, then that party shall be charged as if it had filed a separate motion/petition for each docket number referenced.

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**Title 25—LOCAL COURT RULES**

**ERIE COUNTY**

**Crime Victim Act Local Victim Services Fund; Doc. No. CP-25-AD-0000061-2024**

**Administrative Order**

And Now, this 5th day of November, 2024, pursuant to ACT 77 of 2022, Amendments to the Crime Victims Act, Title 18, Section 11.1101, it is hereby *Ordered* that an individual who pleads guilty or nolo contendere, or who is convicted of a crime or enters a diversionary program, shall pay costs of at least \$100.00, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, to the Crime Victim Services and Compensation Fund ("CVSCF") and the ACT 77-Local Victim Services Fund ("LVSF"). This cost shall be imposed at both the Magisterial District Courts and the Court of Common Pleas of this Judicial District notwithstanding any statutory provision to the contrary.

Pursuant to ACT 77, the disposition of this assessment shall occur as follows:

1. \$60.00 of the cost imposed will be paid to CVSCF;
2. 30% of the cost in excess of \$60.00 shall also be paid to CVSCF;
3. 70% of the cost in excess of \$60.00 shall be paid to LVSF, which fund shall be established and administered by the Erie County Director of Finance;
4. The money in LVSF shall be used only for victim services;
5. The Erie County Director of Finance shall disburse money from LVSF at the discretion of the Erie County District Attorney; and
6. A copy of the "Guidelines for Counties Establishing a Local Victim Services Fund (Pursuant to Act 77 of 2022)" published by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, shall be following and docketed with this Order.

It is further *Ordered* that Erie County Court Administration shall process this Order in conformity with Pa.R.J.A. 103(c). The effective date of this Order shall be 30 days after the date of publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

*By the Court*

JOSEPH M. WALSH, III,  
*President Judge*

### **Guidelines for Counties Establishing a Local Victim Services Fund (Pursuant to Act 77 of 2022)**

#### *Overview*

Prior to Act 77 of 2022 (Act 77), the Crime Victims Act (CVA) 18 P.S. § 11.1101(a)(1) states, in part, "a person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere or who is convicted of a crime, shall pay costs of at least \$60 and may be sentenced to pay additional costs up to the statutory maximum monetary penalty for the offense committed." The CVA also provides that the \$60 is divided as follows: \$35 to the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund, and \$25 to the Victim Witness Services Fund. Finally, the statute provides that where the court imposes a cost above the \$60 minimum, the monies are divided in the following manner: 30% to the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund, and 70% to Victim Witness Services Fund.

Act 77 was signed into law on July 11, 2022 and amends CVA 18 P.S. § 11.1101(b)(2) Disposition. This section provides "that 70% of any costs which exceed \$60 shall be paid into a local victim services fund, established and administered by the county treasurer of each county. The county treasurer shall disperse money from a local victim services fund at the discretion of the county district attorney. The money in the local victim services fund shall be used only for victim services. Each county treasurer shall by August 31 of each year provide the commission with an annual statement which fully reflects all collections deposited into and expenditures from the local victim services fund for the preceding fiscal year."

These changes replace the current 11.1101(b)(1) and (2) and are effective immediately. In addition, pursuant to Act 77, "The Commission, as advised by the Victim Services Advisory Committee, shall develop guidelines for the administration of the Local Victim Services Fund."

These Local Victim Services (LVS) Fund Guidelines provide counties with guidance on the establishment and

administration of the LVS Fund pursuant to Act 77. These guidelines only apply to those counties where costs are imposed on offenders that exceed the minimum \$60 penalty assessment. Information is provided on the responsibilities of counties and should be used to develop or tailor existing policies and procedures as needed to comply with Act 77 of 2022.

#### *Responsibilities of County District Attorneys and County Treasurers*

Currently, the \$25 assessment imposed on certain offenders, supports the Rights and Services Act (RASA) Program. These funds are provided to support responsibilities assigned to the Prosecution and Juvenile Probation under the Crime Victims Act (Act 85 of 2002), the Juvenile Act, and Pennsylvania's Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure. The goal is to ensure that victims of crimes committed by adult and juvenile offenders, whose cases are processed within the criminal and juvenile justice systems, receive all the rights and services to which they are entitled by law.

Under Act 77, the LVS Funds "shall only be for victim services" and support/strengthen the same provision of services to victims as delineated under the Crime Victims Act, the Juvenile Act, and Pennsylvania's Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure. The county district attorney shall provide direction to the county treasurer how the LVS funds will be utilized to support the provision of services to victims. This information should include the amount of funds to be utilized and who should receive the funds, taking into consideration who is currently supported with RASA funds and how these LVS Funds can support/strengthen these existing programs.

In accordance with Act 77, a county must establish a Local Victim Services (LVS) Fund that will be funded by 70% of any costs collected exceeding \$60 (the VPA). The LVS Fund must be administered by the county treasurer and will disperse monies from this fund only at the discretion of the county district attorney. The remaining 30% shall continue to be sent to the Commonwealth so they are deposited into the state Crime Victims' Services and Compensation Fund.

The implementation and administration of the LVS Fund should outline the eligible activities and expenses that the LVS funds can support. Eligible activities and expenses include the provision of services and notifications to victims of crime they are entitled to receive under the law as their case progresses through the criminal and juvenile justice systems (please refer to the section "Eligible Activities and Expenses"). These rights and services are assigned to the Prosecution and Juvenile Probation under the Crime Victims Act (Act 85 of 2002), the Juvenile Act, and Pennsylvania's Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure.

Policies and procedures should be in place for those instances, where costs are imposed on offenders that exceed the minimum \$60 penalty assessment to address:

- 30% shall continue to be sent to the Commonwealth to support the state Crime Victims' Services and Compensation Fund;
- 70% shall be retained and deposited into a newly established Local Victim Services Fund (LVS).

Policies and procedures should address how the receipt of the funds will be tracked and dispersed utilizing established financial procedures and applicable regula-



tions. This includes maintaining an adequate system of internal accounting and controls. The county should maintain documents to support all transactions and should include maintaining purchase orders, receiving records, paid invoices, cancelled checks, personnel, payroll, time and attendance records, and other evidence to support expenditures.

Pursuant to Act 77, “each county treasurer shall by August 31 of each year provide the commission with an annual statement which fully reflects all collections deposited into and expenditures from the local victim services fund for the preceding fiscal year.” The fiscal year will be considered July 1st of the previous year through June 30th of the current year.

The annual statement submitted by the county treasurer by August 31st will include the following:

- i. Total collections deposited into the LVS Fund for the preceding fiscal year (July—June).
- ii. Total expenditures from the LVS fund for the preceding fiscal year (July—June).
- iii. The county district attorney must sign the annual statement.

The Commission, at its discretion, may ask for a more detailed breakdown of the annual statement of deposits and expenditures at any time.

The annual statement shall be submitted to the Commission through e-mail to RA-OVSFundingInfo@pa.gov or via mail to:

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency  
ATTN: Office of Victim Services  
3101 North Front Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

#### *Eligible Activities and Expenses*

LVS funds may be used to support any, all, or one of the following criminal/juvenile justice procedural services:

*Accompaniment (Criminal Cases/Juvenile Cases)*—Victims receive accompaniment during court related activities and hearings. Accompaniment is the in-person support provided to a victim.

*Pre-Disposition Notifications (Juvenile Cases)*—Victims receive, in formats accessible to them, all notifications and services available to them throughout all appropriate pre-disposition proceedings in the juvenile justice system. Examples of pre-disposition notifications include information on available victim services; Allegation Filed; Informal Adjustment; Juvenile Petition Filed; Consent Decree; and if Adjudication Hearing Date is Set.

*Post-Disposition Notifications (Juvenile Cases)*—Victims receive, in formats accessible to them, all notifications and services available to them throughout all appropriate post-disposition proceedings in the juvenile justice system. Examples of post-disposition notifications include Dispositional Hearing; Dispositional Outcome; Transfer to Another County; Transfer to Adult System; Commitment Review; Dispositional Review; Probation Revocation Hearing; Dispositional Review Hearing; Detention Hearing; Home Passes; Release from Placement; Termination of Probation; Escape from Detention Facility and Re-Aprehension.

*Pre-Sentencing Notifications (Criminal Cases)*—Victims receive, in formats accessible to them, all notifications and services available to them throughout all appropriate pre-sentencing proceedings in the criminal justice system.

Examples of pre-sentencing notifications include information on available victim service; court hearing; and trial.

*Post-Sentencing Notifications (Criminal Cases)*—Victims receive, in formats accessible to them, all notifications and services available to them throughout all appropriate post-sentencing proceedings in the criminal justice system. Examples of post-sentencing notifications include: County Release State Correctional Release including Information on PA SAVIN and the Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA); and Victims as Witnesses to Execution.

*Prior Comment (Criminal Cases/Juvenile Cases)*—Victims receive assistance on how to provide prior comment on all adult and/or juvenile criminal matters concerning, but not limited to, the potential reduction or dropping of a charge, plea agreements, or case diversions including referrals to restorative practices, specialty courts, Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD), informal adjustment, or consent decree.

*Property Return (Criminal Cases/Juvenile Cases)*—Coordinate the expeditious return of property, used as evidence, to the victim.

*Restitution (Criminal Cases/Juvenile Cases)*—Inform victims regarding their right to restitution under Pennsylvania law and advocate on behalf of the victim(s) for the necessity and collection of restitution.

*Victims Compensation Assistance (Criminal Cases/Juvenile Cases)*—Provide information to the victim about Victims Compensation Assistance and assist, directly or indirectly, in the preparation, filing and follow-up of any claim for Victims Compensation Assistance.

*Victim Impact Statement (Criminal Cases/Juvenile Cases)*—Provide assistance to victims regarding their right to offer a written and/or oral victim impact statement.

*Victims’ Rights Notification (Criminal Cases/Juvenile Cases)*—Provide victims with timely information of their rights under the Crime Victims Act, and other relevant victims’ rights laws (including rights automatically granted under the law and those related to victim requests for services).

The following activities and practices cannot be supported with the LVS Funds:

- *Prosecution activities:* These include activities that are directed towards prosecuting an offender and/or improving the juvenile justice system’s effectiveness and efficiency, such as witness locating services, Victim/Witness protection costs, witness relocation expenses. The preparing, drafting, generating, mailing, or serving subpoenas, other than to the victim, is prohibited under this funding.

- Collection of restitution payments
- Counseling or therapy services
- Investigative services
- Reimbursement of victims’ expenses or losses otherwise covered by the Victims’ Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP)
- Relocation expenses for crime victims
- Promotional items for outreach purposes, i.e. refrigerator magnets, stress balls, key chains, etc. Please note that printing costs for pamphlets, brochures, and other program related materials are eligible.

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