URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO REVIEW THE STATUTES FOR COURT FEES AND COSTS IN PROBATE AND JUVENILE CASES

Require filing fee upon filing foreign letters under Sec. 877.16. Either clearly state within Sec. 877.16 or add to Sec. 814.66(1). Either \$15, consistent with filing a foreign judgment, or the \$20 probate minimum filing fee.

Require filing fee upon transferring a foreign guardianship, clearly stated within Chapter 53 or added to Sec. 814.66(1) consistent with guardianship filing fees based on the value of the guardianship estate, the \$20 minimum filing fee and .02% of amounts over \$50,000, like any new guardianship case.

Alternatively, require \$15, consistent with filing a foreign judgment or the \$20 probate minimum filing fee.

Require a filing fee for adult adoptions, clearly stated within Chapter 882, consistent with the civil filing fee, currently \$75 under Sec. 814.61(1)(a).

Require a filing fee for trust cases filed in probate, clearly stated within Chapter 701 or Sec. 814.66(1), consistent with the civil filing fee, currently \$75.

Require fees and costs charged by the Clerk of Court and Register in Probate to be the same for copies, certificates, and searches.

Clerk of Court (COC)fees & costs vs. Register in Probate (RIP)fees & costs

Copies:

provided by the COC:\$1.25 per page, 814.61(10)(a)

provided by the RIP: \$1.00 per page, 814.66(1)(h)

Certificates:

issued by the COC:

\$5, 814.61(5)

Issued by the RIP:

\$3, 814.66(1)(g)

Searches:

search by COC:

\$5, 814.61(11)

search by RIP:

\$4, 814.66(1)(j)