
LEGAL FEES FOR ESTATE SERVICES

Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee (with or without a Will) (Often referred to as a “probate application”)

Value of estate declared in Probate Application	Legal fees
\$0.00 - \$100,000	\$1,500 plus HST
\$100,000 - \$500,000	\$3,000 plus HST
\$500,000 - \$750,000	\$4,000.00 plus HST
\$750,000 - \$1,000,000	\$5,000.00 plus HST
\$1,000,000 - \$2,000,000	\$6,000.00 plus HST
Over \$2,000,000	TBD

Other factors that could affect our fees include: the location of the executors, the location, number, age and competency of the beneficiaries, the complexity of the Will, having to locate the original Will and obtain an Affidavit of Execution, consents and renunciations from executors and beneficiaries, whether the value of the estate has been fully determined before filing the court application, preparation of additional correspondence and documents, time spent meeting and corresponding with the executors, costs associated with real estate, and other unforeseen circumstances.

Survivorship Application

(Required to transfer ownership of real estate when a joint tenant dies)

Legal fees	Disbursements (some are subject to HST)
\$600.00 plus HST	PIN Abstracts
	Sheriff's certificate
	Instruments
	Registration fees

Transmission by Personal Representative

(Required to transfer ownership of real estate to the executor when the deceased was either sole owner or tenant in common. The executor can then transfer or sell the property, and there will be additional fees and disbursements for the executor to transfer the property to another party.)

Legal fees with probate	Legal fees without probate	Disbursements (Some are subject to HST)
\$600.00 plus HST	\$1,750.00 plus HST	PIN Abstract
		Sheriff's certificate
		Instruments
		Registration fees

There may be additional out-of-pocket expenses associated with the estate that we will pay on your behalf. These expenses will be added to our account as disbursements. Please note that some disbursements may be subject to HST.

If you would like our office to continue to assist you with the ongoing administration of the estate including completing and filing the Estate Information Return, liquidating estate assets, working with the accountant to finalize the income tax, operating the estate account, and effecting the distributions to the beneficiaries of the estate, please let us know. We would be happy to provide a quote for these services which would be billed to the estate in a separate invoice.

We do not require a retainer. Our account will be rendered after the legal work has been completed. Payment of our account is due within 90 days from the issuing date of the account. We reserve the right to charge interest in accordance with the *Solicitors Act* on any overdue accounts.