

Superior Court of California
County of Santa Clara Civil Fee Schedule
 Effective January 1, 2006

		Code Section(s)	Total Fee Due
INITIAL FILING FEES IN CIVIL CASES			
Unlimited Civil Cases			
1	Complaint or other first paper in unlimited civil case (amount over \$25,000) including:	GC 70611	\$320
2	Complaint or other first paper in unlawful detainer case over \$25,000		
3	Petition for a writ of review, mandate, or prohibition		
4	Petition for a decree of change of name or gender		
5	Answer or other first paper filed by each party other than plaintiff (amount over \$25,000) (including unlawful detainer)	GC 70612	\$320
Limited Civil Cases			
6	Complaint or other first paper (amount over \$10,000 up to \$25,000)	GC 70613(a)	\$300
7	Complaint or other first paper in unlawful detainer (amount over \$10,000 up to \$25,000)	GC 70613(a), CCP 1161.2	\$315
8	Answer or other first paper filed by each party other than plaintiff (amount over \$10,000 up to \$25,000) (including unlawful detainer)	GC 70614(a)	\$300
9	Complaint or other first paper (amount up to \$10,000)	GC 70613(b)	\$180
10	Complaint or other first paper in unlawful detainer (amount up to \$10,000)	GC 70613(b), CCP 1161.2	\$195
11	Answer or other first paper filed by each party other than plaintiff (amounts up to \$10,000) (including unlawful detainer)	GC 70614(b)	\$180
12	Complaint or other first paper within small claims jurisdictional limit filed by assignee of record (with declaration)	B&P 6322.1(c)(1), GC 70613(b), CCP 116.420	\$165
13	Answer or other first paper filed by each party other than plaintiff (case filed by assignee within small claims jurisdictional limit, with declaration)	B&P 6322.1(c)(1), GC 70614(b), CCP 116.420	\$165

Legend:

B&P -Business and Professions	H&S -Health and Safety
CCP -Code of Civil Procedure	Prob. -Probate Code
FC -Family Code	VC -Vehicle Code
GC -Government Code	W&I -Welfare and Institutions

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Other Initial Filing Fees			
14	Additional fee for case designated as complex (plaintiffs)	GC 70616(a)	\$550
15	Additional fee for case designated as complex (for each defendant) (\$10,000 cap)	GC 70616(b)	\$550
16	Complaint, response, or other first paper filed on behalf of public entity (but fee is recoverable with judgment under GC 6103.5)	GC 6103	No fee
17	Amended complaint or cross-complaint		No fee
18	Petition for forfeiture – impounded vehicle	VC 14607.6(e)(4)	\$100
19	Abstract of judgment rendered from another court (unless filed with an application for order of sale of a dwelling under CCP 704.750 or with an application for order of examination under CCP 708.160)	GC 70626(b)(2)	\$20
20	Issuing commission to take deposition out of state under CCP 2026.010	GC 70626(b)(5)	\$20
21	Filing and entering award under Workers' Compensation Act	GC 70626(b)(6)	\$20

Requests for Protective Orders			
22	Petition to prevent domestic violence and response	FC 6222	No fee
23	Petition to prevent abuse of an elder or dependent adult and response	W&I 15657.03(l)	No fee
24	Petition to prevent civil harassment (involving violence, threats of violence, or stalking) and response	CCP 527.6(p)	No fee
25	Petition to prevent civil harassment (other) and response	GC 70611, GC 70612	\$320
26	Petition to prevent workplace violence (involving violence, threats of violence, or stalking) and response	CCP 527.8(p)	No fee
27	Petition to prevent workplace violence (other) and response	GC 70611, GC 70612	\$320

CIVIL MOTION AND OTHER FILING FEES			
28	Motion or other paper requiring a hearing, including	GC 70617(a)	\$40
29	Motion listed under CCP 1005(a)(1)–(12)		
30	Motion or application to continue a trial date		
31	Discovery motion under CCP 2016.010 et seq.		
32	Motion for new trial		
33	Ex parte application requiring a party to give notice of the ex parte appearance to other parties		
34	Motion for summary judgment or for summary adjudication	GC 70617(d)	\$200
35	Reclassification of limited jurisdiction case to unlimited jurisdiction (CCP 403.060)	GC 70619	\$140

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CIVIL MOTION AND OTHER FILING FEES (continued)			
36	Change of venue (payable to superior court in which motion is filed) (a separate check with the initial filing fee for the court to which the case will be transferred is also required)	GC 70618	\$50
37	Request, application, or motion for, or notice of, continuance of hearing or case management conference	GC 70617(c)(1)	\$20
38	Stipulation and order	GC 70617(c)(2)	\$20
39	Amended notice of motion	GC 70617(b)(2)	No fee
40	Civil case management statement	GC 70617(b)(3)	No fee
41	Request for trial de novo after judicial arbitration	GC 70617(b)(4)	No fee
42	Stipulation that does not require an order	GC 70617(b)(5)	No fee
43	A request for entry of default or default judgment	GC 70617(b)(8)	No fee

CIVIL JURY AND TRIAL RELATED FEES			
44	Jury deposit for first day of trial (up to \$150)	CCP 631(b)	\$150
45	Subsequent jury deposits	CCP 631(c)	Actual costs
46	Court reporter per diem fees: a. Half day (over 1 hour) b. Full day	GC 68086(a)(1)-(3)	a. \$245 b. \$490
47	Extra court reporter	GC 69953.5	Paid by parties

JUDGMENT RELATED FEES			
48	Confession of judgment (CCP 1134)	GC 70626(b)(3)	\$20
49	Renewal of judgment (CCP 683.150)	GC 70626(b)(4)	\$20
50	Notice of settlement (CRC 225)		No fee

POST JUDGMENT RELATED FEES			
51	Issuing writ of attachment, writ of mandate, writ of execution, writ of sale, writ of possession, writ of prohibition, writ of restitution, or any other writ for enforcement of an order or judgment	GC 70626(a)(1)	\$15
52	Issuing abstract of judgment	GC 70626(a)(2)	\$15
53	Issuing an order of sale	GC 70626(b)(1)	\$20
54	Application for order of sale of a dwelling (CCP 704.750)	GC 70617(a)(7)	\$40
55	Application for examination of third person controlling defendant's property (CCP 491.110, CCP 491.150)	GC 70617(a)(3)	\$40
56	Application for order for judgment debtor examination (CCP 708.110, CCP 708.160). No separate fee is charged for filing the abstract of judgment with the application.	GC 70617(a)(6)	\$40
57	Certificate of satisfaction of judgment (CCP 724.100)	GC 70626(a)(3)	\$15

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SMALL CLAIMS FEES			
58	Filing claim for \$1,500 or less	CCP 116.230(b)(1)	\$30
59	Filing claim for more than \$1,500 but less than or equal to \$5,000	CCP 116.230(b)(2)	\$50
60	Filing claim for more than \$5,000 but less than or equal to \$7,500 (claim by natural persons only)	CCP 116.230(b)(3)	\$75
61	Filing claim by person who has filed more than 12 small claims in California within the previous 12 months	CCP 116.230(c)	\$100
62	Service by clerk for certified mail, to each defendant	CCP 116.232	\$10
63	Transfer of case out of small claims court (defendant's claim exceeding jurisdictional limit) (no receiving court filing or transfer fee)	CCP 116.390	No fee
64	Request for postponement of hearing	CCP 116.570	\$10
65	Notice of appeal of small claims case	CCP 116.760	\$75
66	Motion to vacate	CCP 116.745	\$20
67	Fee for payment of judgment to court	CCP 116.860	\$20
68	Application for order of examination of judgment debtor	GC 70617(a)(6), CCP 116.820	\$40
69	Writ of execution	GC 70626(a)(1), CCP 116.820	\$15
70	Abstract of judgment	GC 70626(a)(2), CCP 116.820	\$15

FAMILY LAW FEES			
71	Petition or other first paper (including a joint petition) for dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership, legal separation, or nullity	GC 70670(b)	\$320
72	Response or other first paper filed in response to petition for dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership, legal separation, or nullity	GC 70670(d)	\$320
73	First paper in family law matter other than dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership, legal separation, or nullity	GC 70670(a)	\$320
74	First paper filed in response in family law matter other than dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership, legal separation, or nullity	GC 70670(c)	\$320
75	A settlement agreement or stipulation for judgment that is signed by a defaulted respondent and included in a judgment of dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership; or a stipulation to modify such an agreement if the stipulation is presented by the petitioner. (Defaulted respondent is not charged a first paper fee under GC 70670. GC 70671(b), (e).	GC 70677(c)	No fee

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FAMILY LAW FEES (continued)			
76	Appearance, stipulation, and waiver of rights in dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership, legal separation or nullity or to establish parentage, when respondent is a member of the armed forces	GC 70673	No fee
77	Petition for adoption (for each person to be adopted)	H&S 103730	\$20
78	Filings in a proceeding to declare a minor free from parental custody and control	FC 7806, GC 7841	No fee
79	Domestic violence restraining orders, including a request to obtain, modify, or enforce an order to prevent domestic violence or response to that request; and any request that is necessary to obtain or give effect to a restraining order	GC 70671(f), GC 70677(b)(5), FC 6222	No fee
80	Motion or order to show cause in family law matter	GC 70677(a)	\$40
81	Additional charge on motion or order to show cause to modify or enforce custody or visitation	GC 70678	\$25
82	Stipulation and order not requiring a hearing; request or stipulation for continuance of hearing or case management conference not requiring a hearing	GC 70677(c)	\$20
83	Stipulation that does not require an order	GC 70677(b)(7)	No fee
84	A stipulation regarding the date of termination of marital or domestic partnership status if the court has retained jurisdiction over that date	GC 70671(c)	No fee
85	First paper or any subsequent paper filed by the Department of Child Support Services to establish parentage or to establish, modify, or collect child support	GC 6103.9, GC 70672	No fee
86	Response or subsequent paper filed in an action brought by the Department of Child Support Services to establish parentage or to establish, modify, or collect support if support is the only issue. If a custody issue is raised, see charge for first paper filed in response to other family law matters.	GC 70672	No fee
87	Filings on issues relating to parentage or support in a pre-existing non-governmental case in which a Title IV-D child support agency has intervened and is providing services under Fam. Code § 17400	GC 70672	No fee
88	Statement to register a foreign support order or other first paper in a UIFSA case	GC 70677, FC 4927	No fee
89	A document relating to a stipulated postjudgment modification of child support	GC 70671(d)	No fee
90	Costs for stepparent adoption, including investigation (up to \$700) (Fam. Code §§ 9001, 9002)	FC 9002	Not applicable
91	Child custody evaluation a. Advance deposit per parent b. Per hour	FC 3112	a. \$750 b. \$150/hour
92	Court-appointed counsel for child (Fam. Code § 3150 et seq.)	FC 3153	Prevailing rate and ability to pay

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PROBATE FEES			
	First-filed petition for letters of administration or letters testamentary, first-filed petition for special letters of administration with powers of general representative under Probate Code § 8545, first account of trustee of testamentary trust subject to continuing court jurisdiction under Probate Code § 17300 et seq.		
93	Estate or trust under \$250,000	GC 70650(a)(1)	\$320
94	Estate or trust of at least \$250,000 and under \$500,000	GC 70650(a)(2)	\$385
95	Estate or trust of at least \$500,000 and under \$750,000	GC 70650(a)(3)	\$485
96	Estate or trust of at least \$750,000 and under \$1,000,000	GC 70650(a)(4)	\$635
97	Estate or trust of at least \$1,000,000 and under \$1,500,000	GC 70650(a)(5)	\$1,135
98	Estate or trust of at least \$1,500,000 and under \$2,000,000	GC 70650(a)(6)	\$2,135
99	Estate or trust of at least \$2,000,000 and under \$2,500,000	GC 70650(a)(7)	\$2,635
100	Estate or trust of at least \$2,500,000 and under \$3,500,000	GC 70650(a)(8)	\$3,635
101	Estate or trust of \$3,500,000 and over	GC 70650(a)(9)	\$3,635 plus 0.2% of estate's value over \$3.5M
102	Petition for special letters of administration without powers of general personal representative, will contests (objections to probate of will and petition for revocation of probate of will under Probate Code §§ 8250, 8270)	GC 70650(c), (d)	\$320
103	Later-filed petitions for letters of administration, letters testamentary, or special letters of administration with powers of general representative by a person other than the original petitioner	GC 70650(d)	\$320
104	Opposition to petitions for appointment of a personal representative in a decedent's estate other than competing petitions for appointment or will contests, and objections or other opposition to first account of testamentary trustee subject to court supervision	GC 70651	\$320

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PROBATE FEES (continued)			
105	Petitions and objections or other opposition to petitions concerning the internal affairs of a trust under Probate Code Sec. 17200 et seq. (This fee does not apply to petitions or opposition concerning the internal affairs of testamentary trusts subject to the fees under Gov. Code Secs. 70650 or 70651)	GC 70652	\$320
106	Petition for appointment of conservator, guardian of the estate or guardian of the person and estate or opposition to these petitions other than competing petitions for appointment	GC 70653(a), (b)	\$320
107	Opposition to petition for appointment of conservator, guardian of the estate or guardian of the person and estate filed by or on behalf of the proposed conservatee or the proposed ward or a parent of the proposed ward	GC 70653(f)	No fee
108	Petition for appointment of guardian of the person only or opposition to petition other than competing petition for appointment	GC 70654(a), (b)	\$180
109	Opposition to petition by the proposed ward or the parent of the proposed ward	GC 70654(e)	No fee
110	Petition commencing other proceedings under the Probate Code, and opposition to such petitions, including the following:	GC 70655	\$320
111	Petition to determine the fact of death to determine title to real property and objections or other opposition (Prob. Code § 200)		
112	Petition for an order concerning a particular transaction and objections or other opposition (Prob. Code § 3100)		
113	Petition for an order concerning capacity determination and health care decision authority for adult without conservator and objections or other opposition (Prob. Code § 3200)		
114	Petition for compromise of the claim of a minor or disabled adult, no civil action pending, and objections or other opposition (Prob. Code § 3600)		
115	Petition concerning a power of attorney and objections or other opposition (Prob. Code § 4541)		
116	Petition concerning advance health care directive and objections or other opposition (Prob. Code § 4766)		
117	Petition to determine succession to real property and objections or other opposition (Prob. Code § 13151)		
118	Spousal or domestic partnership property petition and objections or other opposition (Probate Code § 13650)		

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PROBATE FEES (continued)			
119	Any other petition that commences a proceeding under the Probate Code and objections or other opposition	GC 70655	\$320
120	Petition for order setting aside estate of small value if no estate is pending for the decedent (Prob. Code § 6602)	GC 70656	\$180
121	Petition or objections or other paper in opposition, for orders that are appealable under Probate Code § 1300 or 1301 filed after issuance of letters testamentary, letters of administration, letters of special administration to a personal representative of a decedent's estate, or letters of guardianship or conservatorship, or temporary guardianship or conservatorship to a guardian or conservator	GC 70658	\$180
	Motion, application or other paper requiring a hearing after the first paper, including:	GC 70657(a)	Varies, see below
122	Motions or other papers listed in GC 710617(a) (motions listed in CCP 1005(a)(1)-(12), motion to continue a trial date, discovery motions, motion for new trial)	GC 70657(a) GC 70617(a)	\$40
123	Pretrial or posttrial motions in contested litigation	GC 70657 (a)(1)	\$40
124	Application for ex parte relief	GC 70657(a)(2)	\$40
125	Petitions and objections or other papers in opposition to petitions concerning the internal affairs of testamentary trusts subject to the graduated fee under GC 70650 and trusts created by court order under Probate Code sections 2580, 3100, or 3600 (petitions or opposition concerning the internal affairs of trusts that are not subject to the fee under GC section 70652)	GC 70657(a)(3)	\$40
126	Petitions, objections, and other papers in opposition to petitions filed after the issuance of temporary letters of guardianship or letters of guardianship in guardianships of the person only	GC 70657(a)(4), GC 70658(c)	\$40
127	Petitions, objections, and other papers in opposition to petitions after issuance of special letters of administration or letters testamentary or of administration in decedents' estates that are not subject to the fee in GC 70658 (Post-appointment petitions for and opposition to orders that are not appealable under Probate Code sections 1300 or 1301, and petitions by personal representatives of estates commenced after August 17, 2003 that concern any action described in Probate Code section 10501(a))	GC 70657(a)(5), GC 70658(d)	\$40
128	Petition to withdraw funds from blocked account	GC 70657(a)	\$40
129	Motion for summary judgment	GC 70657(c), GC 70617(d)	\$200
130	Deposit of estate planning documents	GC 70660	\$20

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PROBATE FEES (continued)			
131	Search for estate documents, for each search longer than 10 minutes	GC 70661	\$15
132	Petition to establish record of birth, death, or marriage	H&S 103470	\$180
133	Affidavit procedure for real property of small value under Probate Code § 13201	GC 70626(b)(9)	\$20
134	Guardianship investigations	Prob. 1513.1	\$900
135	Information package for conservators	Prob. 1835	\$20
136	Conservatorship investigator's fee: a. Initial investigation b. Review with an accounting c. Review without an accounting	Prob. 1851.5	a. \$900 b. \$900 c. \$300
137	Filing statement of professional conservator a. Initial filing b. Annual filing	Prob. 2343	a. \$10 b. \$10
138	Petition for summary probate (Public Administrator only)	Prob. 7660	\$180

APPEAL RELATED FEES

Appeal of Unlimited Civil Case			
139	Certificate for Court of Appeal or Supreme Court on motion prior to filing appeal record (unlimited civil case)	GC 70620	\$20
140	Appeal or cross appeal to court of appeal (payable to court of appeal)	GC 68926 GC 68926.1(b)	\$655
141	Deposit for preparation of clerk's transcript (payable to superior court) (charged when notice of appeal to court of appeal is filed under GC 68926)	GC 68926.1	\$100

Other Appeals			
142	Appeal in limited civil case	GC 70621	\$100
143	Appeal in small claims case	CCP 116.760	\$75
144	Appeal from Labor Commissioner's Award (Lab. 98.2)	GC 70611	\$320
145	Appeal of final decision on parking citation violation	VC 40230	\$25
146	Appeal from determination of dangerous or vicious dog (F&A 31622)	GC 70626(b)(8)	\$20
147	Appeal of administrative fine or penalty	GC 53069.4(b)(2)	\$25

RECORDS RELATED FEES			
148	Certifying a copy of paper, record, or proceeding on file	GC 70626(a)(4)	\$15
149	Certificate for which fee is not otherwise fixed; includes lis pendens	GC 70626(a)(8)	\$15
150	Preparing a copy of any record, proceeding or paper on file (per page) (2-sided=2 pages)	GC 70627(a)	\$0.50
151	Comparison of a copy with an original on file (per page)	GC 70627(b)	\$1
152	Searching records or files, for each search longer than 10 minutes	GC 70627(c)	\$15
153	Exemplification of record or other paper on file	GC 70628	\$20
154	Document authenticated pursuant to court order (per signature)	GC 70629	\$15
155	Certified copy of marriage or domestic partnership dissolution record (requested by public agency)	GC 70674	\$10
156	Certified copy of marriage or domestic partnership dissolution record (requested by any other applicant)	GC 70674	\$15

RETURNED CHECKS AND INSUFFICIENT PAYMENTS			
		Code Section(s)	Total Fee Due
157	Administrative charge for a check that is returned without payment. A filing paid for with such a check will be void if fee and charge are not paid, within 20 days of notification, in cash, by certified check, or by other means specified by the court, but not by traveler's check or personal check.	CCP 411.20(g), GC 71386	\$25
158	Administrative charge for processing a partial payment. A first paper filing submitted with a check for an insufficient amount will be void if the amount due is not paid within 20 days of notification	CCP 411.21(g)	\$25

MISCELLANEOUS FEES			
159	Administrative charge for collection of fees where fee waiver was previously granted	GC 68511.3(d)	No fee
160	Administrative charge for recovering, as part of judgment, fees not paid by public entity under GC 6103 (maximum \$25)	GC 6103.5(d)	No fee
161	Taking affidavit, except in criminal case or adoption proceedings	GC 70626(a)(5)	\$15
162	Acknowledgment of deed or other instrument	GC 70626(a)(6)	\$15
163	Recording or registering license or issuing certificate in connection with a license, required by law, for which charge is not otherwise prescribed	GC 70626(a)(7)	\$15
164	Filing affidavit of publication of notice of dissolution of partnership	GC 70626(b)(7)	\$20
165	Filing and indexing papers for which a charge is not provided elsewhere	GC 70626(b)(10)	\$20
166	Appearance by videoconferencing	GC 70630	No fee

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MISCELLANEOUS FEES (continued)			
167	Reasonable fee for service or product, not to exceed costs, where no fee is otherwise provided for	GC 70631	See local court fees section that follows
168	Handling funds held in trust	GC 70632	No fee
169	Certificate of facts regarding unsatisfied judgment	Veh. 16373 GC 70626(a)(4) GC 70627(a)	\$20

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LOCAL COURT FEES			

Conflict Fees			
C01	Non-Death Penalty Cases per hour (maximum \$57,000)	GC 70631	\$90
C02	Death Penalty Cases per hour (maximum \$150,000)	GC 70631	\$105

Court Appointed Investigative Fees			
I01	Hourly Rate per case	GC 70631	\$60
I02	Mileage Rate per mile	GC 70631	\$0.42

Family Court Services Fees			
F01	Non-litigated mediation (Charge per parent)	GC 70631	\$200 \$100
F02	Screenings a. Under 30 minutes b. First two hours c. Per additional hours	FC 3112	a. No fee b. \$300 c. \$150
F03	Assessments, per hour (Advance deposit per parent)	FC 3112	\$150 \$500
F04	Expert witness testimony, per hour	GC 70631	\$250
F05	Deposition, per hour	GC 70631	\$250
F06	Mediation (Litigated in Family Court)		No fee
F07	Mediation Orientation class		No fee
F08	No Show/Late cancellation fee	GC 70631	\$100

Miscellaneous Fees			
M01	Research file retrieval per file (over 25 files per day)	GC 70631	\$1
M02	Fax request (first page/additional pages)	GC 70631	\$3/\$1

Witness Fees			
W01	Fee for each day, plus mileage both ways at 20 cents per mile	GC 70617(d)	\$35