

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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SUPREME COURT  
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BY: Kem Buler  
CLERK OF COURT

IN RE:  
COMMONWEALTH JUDICIARY FEE SCHEDULE

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2006-303

ORDER


¶1 On August 4, 2006, the proposed Commonwealth Judiciary Fee Schedule was submitted to the Fifteenth Northern Mariana Islands Legislature for approval.<sup>1</sup> Sixty (60) days have elapsed since submission and neither house of the Legislature has disapproved of the proposed fee schedule.<sup>2</sup>


¶2 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Commonwealth Judiciary Fee Schedule, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein, is effective as of the date of this Order pursuant to Article IV, § 9 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

SO ORDERED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2006.



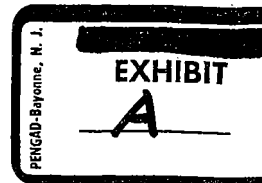
MIGUEL S. DEMAPAN  
Chief Justice

  
ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO  
Associate Justice

  
JOHN A. MANGLONA  
Associate Justice

<sup>1</sup> Each legislator's office was served with a copy of the proposed fee schedule on August 4, 2006.

<sup>2</sup> The sixtieth day fell on October 3, 2006.



## Commonwealth Judiciary Fee Schedule

### I. SUPERIOR COURT

	<b>Civil Cases</b>	<b>Fee</b>
1	a. Complaint, Petition for instituting civil action, suit or proceeding b. Violence Against Women Act of 1998 (VAWA) cases	\$150 No Fee
2	Amended Complaint a. First Amended Complaint b. Second Amended Complaint and each subsequent amended complaint	a. \$25 b. \$50
3	a. Answer b. Amended answer(s)	\$75 No Fee
4	Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus <b>and</b> any other Applications/ Petitions for Writ	\$100
5	Cross-Complaint	\$75
6	Third Party Complaint	\$75
7	Motion for Summary Judgment; Motion for Reconsideration	\$50
8	All Other Motions	\$10

	<b>Small Claims Cases</b>	<b>Fee</b>
9	Claim of \$500 or less	\$20
10	Claim of \$501 to \$2,000	\$30
11	Claim of \$2,001 to \$3,000	\$40
12	Summons	\$25
13	Petition to perpetuate testimony [Com.R.Civ.Pro. Rule 27(a)]	\$20
14	Request for new trial	\$150
15	Motion for Order to Show Cause	\$10
16	Motion for Order in Aid of Judgment	\$10

	<b>Service of Process</b>	<b>Fee</b>
17	Summons and copy of a complaint, petition or application furnished by plaintiff for each defendant (Non-e-file cases)	\$15
18	Subpoenas or witness summons, for each witness, in civil cases	\$35
19	Order to Show Cause or Order in Aid of Judgment for each defendant	\$15
20	All other documents not listed above for each person served	\$15

	<b>Transcripts</b>	<b>Fee</b>
21	Original	\$2.50/page
22	Additional copies	\$1/page

	<b>Jury Trial Costs</b>	<b>Fee</b>
23	Demand for civil jury trial	\$350 Non-refundable
24	Service of summons on each prospective juror, to be charged against the party requesting jury trial	\$5 each
25	Juror compensation	\$30/day

	<b>Document Handling</b>	<b>Fee</b>
26	Photocopy of any document	\$0.751 page
27	a. Copies of tape recording, if blank tape or CD provided to Court b. Copies of tape recording, if blank tape or CD not provided by Court	a. \$2.50/ tape/CD b. \$7.50/ tape/CD
28	Dockets: a. Docket sheet, first page b. Each additional page c. Docket Certification	a. \$10 b. \$1 c. \$10
29	Comparison Cost - for comparing duplicate with original for Clerk's certification	\$1.501 page
30	Certification of <b>document(s)</b>	\$20
31	a. Filing copy of commission (P.L. 14-52) b. Comparing and <b>certifying</b> the signature, seal and effective date of notary public c. Search & authentication of contents of commission	\$1.00 \$20 \$25
32	<b>Authentication/Exemplification</b>	\$25
33	Case Searches (In excess of 15 minutes) - Whenever a person requests that a member of the <b>Clerk's</b> Office initiate a search of cases for a party, a case number, or other case information.	\$10/hour
34	<b><i>AL</i></b> other document handling services	\$15

	<b>Witness Travel and Appearance Fees</b>	<b>Fee</b>
35	a. For witness travel costs, ground transportation, and accommodations: A witness who is summoned to appear and does appear in a civil proceeding which is held on the same island in the Commonwealth where the witness is served, no travel fees shall be paid. A witness who is summoned and appears for a civil proceeding which is on a different island in the Commonwealth, shall receive the cost of transportation necessary for his appearance and return. In such a case, the party requesting the witness summons shall purchase and present a ticket for transportation to the Clerk of the Court at the time of the issuance of witness summons. The summons and tickets <b>shall</b> be served at the same time; provided, however, if part or all of said transportation is provided at no expense to the witness, the latter shall be entitled to receive ticket or money only for the part of the travel at the witness' expense.	Variable
	b. <b>Regular Witness Fee</b>	\$25/day

	<b>Commonwealth Recorder Fees</b>	<b>Fee</b>
36	Recording of documents (P. L. 3-64)	\$10 1 <sup>st</sup> page; \$2 each add'l page
37	Recording of Marriage Certificate	\$10
38	Revision I Amendment of Birth Certificate (P.L.3-83)	\$30
39	Certified copies of birth, marriage, or death certificates	\$10/lea
40	a. Recording of UCC documents b. Copy of UCC documents	\$7.00 \$1.00
41	Recording of maps	\$10
42	All other recordings	\$10

	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>Fee</b>
43	Clearances: a. Criminal Record Clearance b. <b>Traffic</b> History (Taxi, Insurance, etc.) c. Traffic Clearance (renewal of license)	a. \$15 b. \$15 c. \$1
44	Acknowledgment / affidavit (except in criminal cases)	\$7.50
45	e-filing and e-services (in addition to charges imposed by electronic filing service provider)	\$0.50 per filing
46	Notice of Appeal a. Civil and Criminal Cases b. Small Claims c. <b>Traffic</b> Cases  - A separate fee shall be paid by each party filing a Notice of Appeal, but parties filing a joint Notice of Appeal are required to pay only one fee.  - Violence <b>Against</b> Women Act of 1998 ( <b>VAWA</b> ) cases.	a. \$150 b. \$100 c. \$100      No Fee

## II. Supreme Court

	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fee</b>
1	Writ Petitions	\$175
2	Petition for Re-hearing (Com. R. App. Pro. 40)	\$150
3	Motion for Extension of Time to File(Com. R. App. Pro. 31(a))	\$10
4	Motion for Late Filing of Brief (Com. R. App. Pro. 31(e))	\$10
5	Motion for Review by Full Panel (Corn. R. App. Pro. 27 (d))	\$50
6	Other Motions / Requests	\$20
7	Motion / Application for Stay of Judgment (Corn. R. App. Pro. 8)	\$20
8	Emergency and Ex-Parte Motion (Corn. R. App. Pro. 27 (f) and (g))	\$50
9	Request for Settlement Conference (Corn. R. App. Pro. 13 (b))	No fee
10	Certified Question (CNMI Government Agencies / Micronesian Legal Service Corporation)	No fee
11	Motion for Leave to File f i c u s Brief (Corn. R. App. Pro. 29)	\$100
12	Cross Appeal; Additional Notice of Appeal (Corn. R. App. Pro. 4 (a)(3))	\$150

	<b>Document Handling</b>	<b>Fee</b>
13	Photocopy of any document	\$0.75/page
14	a. Copies of tape recording, if blank tape or CD provided to Court b. Copies of tape recording, if blank tape or CD not provided by Court	a. \$3.00/ tape/CD b. \$8.001 tape/CD
15	Dockets: a. Docket sheet, first page b. Each additional page c. Docket Certification	a. \$10 b. \$1 c. \$10
16	Authentication of document(s)	\$20
17	Service of Process by Clerk of Court, whenever required	\$25
18	e-filing and e-services (in addition to charges imposed by electronic filing service provider)	\$0.50 per filing

	<b>Bar Admissions</b>	<b>Fee</b>
19	Application for Admission (Attorney Applicant)"	\$450
20	Application for Admission (Regular Applicant)*	\$350
21	Application for Limited Admission* (1 CMC § 3603 (a))	\$200
22	Attorney's Certificate to Practice Law	\$100
23	Certificate of Good Standing	\$25
24	Disciplinary History	\$25
25	Application for <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> Admission (General Order 99-900)	\$5,000
	* plus National Conference of Bar Examiners fees for Character & Fitness Investigation (fees vary); late filing fees shall be applicable	