

**SOUTH DAKOTA UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM**  
**Guide to Filing Fees and Court Costs charged under SDCL 16-2-29, 16-2-39, 16-2-45**  
**Effect 4/10/2016**

<b>CIVIL COURT COSTS</b>	<b>Filing Fee</b>		<b>Court Automation Surcharge</b>		<b>Law Library Fee</b>		<b>Postage</b>		<b>Total Court Costs</b>
Divorce	\$50.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$95.00
Child Support Modification	\$50.00	+	\$0.00	+	\$0.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$50.00
Civil Cases filed for Jury or Court Trial	\$25.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$70.00
Default Judgments	\$25.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$70.00
Default with Garnishment	\$25.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$70.00
Dissolution of Corporation	\$25.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$70.00
Foreclosure	\$25.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$70.00
Quiet Title	\$25.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$70.00
Appeals from an Administrative Agency	\$25.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$70.00
Adoptions	\$25.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$70.00
Name Change	\$25.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$70.00

Secretary of State (Optional)                      \$30.00 - To South Dakota Secretary of State when a claim is filed against a Corporation  
Division of Insurance (Optional)                      \$10.00 - To State Division of Insurance when a claim is filed against an Insurance Company

*\*Please review SDCL 15-6-4(d) regarding personal service of summons\**

**Small Claims**

Claims for \$.01 - \$100.00	\$4.00	+	\$6.00	+	\$2.00	+	\$6.94	=	\$18.94
Claims for \$100.01 - \$1,000.00	\$10.00	+	\$6.00	+	\$2.00	+	\$6.94	=	\$24.94
Claims for \$1,001.00 - \$3,999.99	\$20.00	+	\$6.00	+	\$2.00	+	\$6.94	=	\$34.94
Claims for \$4,000.00 - \$12,000.00	\$20.00	+	\$8.00	+	\$2.00	+	\$6.94	=	\$36.94
Certified Mail for Each Additional Party (Required on all Counterclaims)	\$6.94	+	\$0.00	+	\$0.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$6.94
Subpoena's	\$2.00	+	\$0.00	+	\$0.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$2.00

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Raising Small Claims to Civil Court                      \$35.00 - This occurs when a Small Claims Case is raised to Civil Court  
Bond posted by Defendant                      \$250.00 - A bond is required when raising a Small Claims Case to Civil Court

**Probate**

Estate (Probate of Wills)	\$75.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$120.00
Summary Disposition	\$25.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$70.00
Termination	\$25.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	=	\$0.00	=	\$70.00
Special Administrations	\$25.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$70.00
Determination of Inheritance Tax	\$25.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$70.00
Guardianships (includes all subsequent papers)	\$25.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$70.00
Trust	\$25.00	+	\$40.00	+	\$5.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$70.00
Safekeeping and Filing of Wills	\$2.00	+	\$0.00	+	\$0.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$2.00
Sale of Property	\$0.00	+	\$0.00	+	\$0.00	+	\$0.00	=	No Charge

**Issuing the following documents:**

**Total Fee**

