



## IMPORTANT NOTICE OF COURT FILING FEE CHANGES

As a result of the enactment of Senate Bill 857, various civil filing fees and criminal fees have been established or increased. **It is uncertain when each county will actually enact these increases.** Some counties have already enacted these increases and some will do so between now and November 1, 2010. All new and increased fees sunset on July 1, 2013, except as noted below. The additional revenue from these fee changes will be used to offset reductions to trial court funding.

### NEW FEE

- \$500 renewal fee for application to appear as counsel pro hac vice for each year a case continues.

### INCREASED FEES

- \$40 increase to first paper filing fees for unlimited and limited civil cases where the amount in controversy is more than \$10,000.
- \$20 increase to first paper filing fees for limited civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$10,000 or less.
- \$40 increase to first paper filing fees for family law cases.
- \$40 increase to filing fees for probate first papers, petitions, objections, oppositions, subsequent papers, and conservator appointments.
- \$20 increase to first paper filing fees for petitions for guardianship of a person only.
- \$20 increase to first paper filing fees for petitions to establish fact of birth, death or marriage.
- \$300 increase to the summary judgment motion fee.
- \$250 increase to the pro hac vice fee.
- \$40 increase to appeal filing fees for limited civil cases.
- \$40 increase to writ petition filing fees for limited civil cases.
- \$40 increase to appeal filing fees for labor commissioner decisions.
- \$20 increase to amend complaint or cross complaint for limited civil case to change the amount at issue.
- \$40 increase to amend complaint or cross complaint for limited civil filed by assignee to change the amount at issue.
- \$10 increase to the security fee (sunsets on July 1, 2011).

A revised statewide civil fee schedule will be posted to the California Courts Web site at [www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/feeschedule.htm](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/feeschedule.htm) and will also be available the clerk's office. A schedule of the criminal and traffic fees, assessments and penalties can also be obtained at the clerk's office.

Since this change happened without advance warning, Advanced Attorney Services will advance the **difference in fees** when possible, appropriate, or upon request, until the end of October without charging our normal check advance fee. Please take the necessary steps to ensure that all filings include the appropriate fees as indicated above beginning November 1, 2010.