

TITLE IV

Chapter: 29 Chapter Title: FEES FOR ATTORNEYS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT ABSENTEE DEFENDANTS

Rule No: 29.0

Fees for Attorneys Appointed to Represent Absentee Defendants

**14th Judicial District
Court
Parish of Calcasieu**

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**24th Judicial District
Court
Parish of Jefferson**

Revised effective
May 25, 2005

A. The fee for appointment as attorney to represent an absentee defendant is fixed at the sum of \$375.00. Additionally, reasonable costs, such as certified mail and/or advertisement, shall be paid with leave of court. Litigants desiring the appointment of an attorney to represent an absentee shall deposit the fee, at the time of filing the request for appointment, with the clerk of court, and shall certify to the court in the order seeking such appointment that the fee has been paid in full in advance. The court may order an additional fee for the appointed attorney should it be necessary for multiple court appearances or extraordinary efforts to discharge duties pursuant to the appointment.

B. Attorneys appointed after the filing of a petition for divorce required by La. C.C. Art. 102 and before the filing of the rule to show cause required by La. C.C. Art. 102 shall be re-appointed, if necessary, at the time of the filing of the rule to show cause, unless the court determines such re-appointment is not possible. Impediments to such re-appointments shall be brought to the court's attention at the time of filing of the rule to show cause. Attorneys accepting the initial appointment thereby consent to subsequent re-appointment.

C. It is the duty of an attorney appointed to represent a defendant who is a non-resident, or absentee, to act in accordance with La. C.C.P. Art. 5093, et. seq. The plaintiff, or counsel, shall furnish to the attorney appointed to represent the absent defendant all information which he or she may have concerning the whereabouts of the absent defendant. All correspondence by an attorney appointed to represent an absentee shall be directed to the absentee by registered or certified mail.

D. In all cases for separation and divorce where the defendant resides in a foreign country the government of which is recognized by the government of the United States, the attorney appointed by the court to represent the absent defendant shall, immediately upon his appointment, notify the consul or consular agent of such foreign country, in writing, of the number and title of the suit, the ground(s) of the complaint, the last known address of the absent defendant, and the name and address of the attorney for the plaintiff.

**25th Judicial District
Court
Parish of
Plaquemines**

RULE 8. NOTICES BY CURATORS IN SEPARATION AND DIVORCE CASES WHERE DEFENDANT RESIDES IN FOREIGN COUNTRY

In all cases for separation and divorce where the defendant resides in a foreign country the government of which is recognized by the Government of the United States, the curator appointed by the Court to represent the absent defendant immediately upon his appointment shall notify the consul or consular agent of such foreign country, in writing, of the number and title of the suit, the ground of complaint, the address of the absent defendant, and the name and address of the attorney for the plaintiff.

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**28th Judicial District
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RULE 29.0 FEES FOR APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

Parish of LaSalle

The customary fee for an attorney appointed to represent a litigant in a family matter is \$100.00 plus reimbursement of any costs incurred as a result of such appointment. In unusual cases, the court may consider a lesser or greater fee if the circumstances justify such. This shall be done only upon notice and opportunity to respond.

Adopted effective
March 31, 2001.

**33rd Judicial District
Court**

RULE 4. DOMESTIC RULES

Parish of Allen

Section 7. In all matters where an attorney is appointed to represent an absentee defendant or to act as curator, a deposit will be required of \$100.00 at the time of filing of the order making the appointment of the attorney. The fee for the attorney's services is set at \$100.00 and is to be paid from said deposit. The Clerk of Court will disburse the said fee upon order or judgment of the Court.

**Family Court
For the Parish of
East Baton Rouge**

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