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## Marchman Act Fees

Over the years, attorneys and citizens have expressed frustration over the variances in fees from county to county. The \$400.00 filing fee in Marchman Act petitions have been one of those fees. While Florida statutes have specifically exempted Baker Acts petitions from having filing fees assessed, the law has been silent with regard to imposition of filing fees in Marchman Act cases. As a result, counties throughout the state have formulated their own interpretation of the law, with some charging for Marchman Act petitions and some not. In an effort to strive towards conformity with the majority of the counties, our office surveyed the counties and found that in a majority of the counties, the filing fee for Marchman Act cases was not being assessed. As a result, we have decided that the Pinellas County's Clerk's office will cease charging a filing fee on Marchman Act petitions. This will alleviate frustrations and bring about greater statewide uniformity.

We hope you see this change as a positive one and appreciate any input you might have.

Sincerely,

Ken

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