



CLERK ALERTS

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Filing Fee – Summary Administration with Petition to Determine Homestead

Many of you have expressed your concerns regarding the filing fee our office charges on Summary Administrations which include a Petition to Determine Homestead. The concerns expressed relate to the inclusion of the amount of the homestead property in determining the filing fee for the Summary Administration. We have researched the issue and agree that the value of the homestead should not be included in the calculation of the fee. We realize that persuasive legal arguments could be made on either side of the issue. Other counties have been surveyed and it has been found that in the majority of the counties the value of the homestead is not factored into the fee. In an effort to help bring uniformity to these types of statewide issues, where differences could be avoided from county to county, effective August 15, 2011, we will cease including the value of the homestead when calculating the fee for Summary Administration.

The Clerk's office appreciates it when these types of issues are brought to our attention as we are willing to explore all options or solutions. We hope that you are pleased with our responsiveness on this issue. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, you may contact either me or Myriam Irizarry, General Counsel, at (727) 464-3341 or Diane Elliott, Probate Court Records Manager, at (727) 464-3003.

Sincerely,

Ken

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