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Memo

November 16, 2017

To: All interested parties

From: Barbara A. Smith, Prothonotary/Clerk of Court

Re: Acts 40 and 44 of 2017 – Changes in Existing JCS/ATJ/CJEA Surcharge

Effective October 30, 2017, Acts 40 and 44 of 2017 mandate an increase of the existing JCS/ATJ/CJEA Surcharge. This fee increase is required to be implemented by November 30, 2017. Accordingly, my office will begin charging the new fee on Friday, December 1, 2017. Enclosed or attached, please find the updated fee schedules reflecting the changes as well as the memo from the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts dictating the change. Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions regarding these fee increases.

Enclosure: Fee schedules (2)
AOPC memo

CIVIL FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE YEARS
2016, 2017 2018

| | County total | Auto | JCP/ATJ | Writ tax | Total |
|--|--------------|------|---------|----------|--------|
| Acknowledgements | 12 | | | | 13.00 |
| Appeals from Common Pleas (common plea fee) | 80 | | | | 80.00 |
| Appeal to Higher Court;See Aopc website | | | | | |
| Arbitration | 35 | | | | 35.00 |
| Building Agreement (Stip agnst liens,waivers) | 26 | | | | 26.00 |
| Certification | 13 | | | | 13.00 |
| Certification- additional pages | 1 | | | | 1.00 |
| Certification of discontinuance | 13 | | | | 13.00 |
| Certification of motor vehicle | 13 | | | | 13.00 |
| Commencement of Action (complaints, declaratory judgment, quiet title) | 136 | 5 | 40.25 | 0.5 | 181.75 |
| Discontinue | 13 | | | | 13.00 |
| District Justice Appeal | 136 | 5 | 40.25 | 0.5 | 181.75 |
| Driver's Suspension Appeal | 136 | 5 | 40.25 | 0.5 | 181.75 |
| Entry of Appearance (for Judgments) | 3 | | | | 3.00 |
| Execution/possession without garnishee | 42 | | | | 42.00 |
| Execution with garnishee | 42 | | | 0.5 | 42.50 |
| Exemplified order | 13 | | | | 13.00 |
| Exemplified Record | 26 | | | | 26.00 |
| Financial Statement | 13 | | | | 13.00 |
| Judgment- abstract of judgment | 24 | 5 | | | 29.00 |
| Judgment- district justice judgment | 24 | 5 | | 0.25 | 29.25 |
| Judgment- exemplified judgment | 24 | 5 | | 0.5 | 29.50 |
| Judgment- release of judgment | 13 | | | | 13.00 |
| Judgment- revival -adverse | 32 | 5 | 40.25 | | 77.25 |
| Judgment- revival- amicable | 24 | 5 | | | 29.00 |
| Judgment-assignment of judgment | 13 | | | | 13.00 |
| Judgment-default/judg of non pros | 24 | | | | 24.00 |
| Judgment-judgment note | 24 | 5 | | 0.5 | 29.50 |
| Letter of Attorney-new | 7 | | | | 7.00 |
| Letter of attorney-revocation | 3 | | | | 3.00 |
| Lien (sewer, federal, municipal, etc) | 24 | 5 | | | 29.00 |
| Miscellaneous filing | 13 | 5 | 40.25 | | 58.25 |
| Motion for pro hac vice | 13 | 5 | 40.25 | | 58.25 |
| Notary certification | 3 | | | | 3.00 |
| Notary registration | 3 | | | | 3.00 |
| Objection to nominating petition | 136 | 5 | 40.25 | 0.5 | 181.75 |
| Open voting machines plus \$50 cash bond or \$100 surety Bond - 25 P.S. 3262 | 136 | 5 | 40.25 | 0.5 | 181.75 |
| Petition for Change of Name | 136 | 5 | 40.25 | 0.5 | 181.75 |
| Petition to open and strike | 136 | 5 | 40.25 | 0.5 | 181.75 |
| Photocopies | 0.5 | | | | 0.50 |
| Political subdivision | 26 | 5 | 40.25 | | 71.25 |
| Praecipe of lis pendens | 19 | | | | 19.00 |
| Probation Liens | 37 | 5 | | 0.5 | 42.50 |
| PFA- defendants costs if ordered | 52 | 5 | 40.25 | | 97.25 |
| Satisfaction | 13 | | | | 13.00 |
| Satisfaction - Commonwealth Liens | 13 | | | | 13.00 |
| School audit report | 13 | 5 | 40.25 | | 58.25 |
| Statement of objection from District justice | 13 | 5 | 40.25 | | 58.25 |
| Suggestion of non-payment | 24 | 5 | | | 29.00 |
| Subpoena | 3 | | | | 3.00 |
| Writ of scire facias | 19 | | | | 19.00 |
| Writ of Summons | 136 | 5 | 40.25 | 0.5 | 181.25 |
| Retake of maiden name | 26 | | | | 26.00 |
| Foreign divorce decree | 13 | 5 | 40.25 | | 58.25 |

Poundage- on monies paid to court
3%of first \$1,000.00; 1% each \$1,000.00 thereafter

FAMILY FEE SCHEDULE
FOR 2013, 2014 AND
2015

| First Filing | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|----------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------|-------------|--------|
| | General Total | Writ tax | Jcs/atj ¹ | Div. srch - act 151 | Cust. Srch - act 119 | Auto | Conciliator | Total |
| Custody Stip | 136.00 | 0.50 | | | 8.00 | 5.00 | | 149.50 |
| Cust. + Conciliator | 136.00 | 0.50 | 40.25 | | 8.00 | 5.00 | 200.00 | 389.75 |
| Divorce | 136.00 | 0.50 | 40.25 | 10.00 | | 5.00 | | 191.75 |
| Div. + 1 cnt. | 178.00 | 0.50 | 80.50 | 10.00 | | 5.00 | | 274.00 |
| (136.00 + 42.00) | | | | | | | | |
| Div + Cust.+conc | 178.00 | 0.50 | 80.50 | 10.00 | 8.00 | 5.00 | 200.00 | 482.00 |
| Div + 2 cnts. | 220.00 | 0.50 | 120.75 | 10.00 | | 5.00 | | 356.25 |
| Div.+1 cnt. + Cust+ Conc. | 220.00 | 0.50 | 120.75 | 10.00 | 8.00 | 5.00 | 200.00 | 564.25 |
| Div + 3 cnts. | 262.00 | 0.50 | 161.00 | 10.00 | | 5.00 | | 438.50 |
| Div. + 2 + Cust + Conc. | 262.00 | 0.50 | 161.00 | 10.00 | 8.00 | 5.00 | 200.00 | 646.50 |
| Div +4 cnts. | 304.00 | 0.50 | 201.25 | 10.00 | | 5.00 | | 520.75 |
| Div + 3 + Cust + Conc. | 304.00 | 0.50 | 201.25 | 10.00 | 8.00 | 5.00 | 200.00 | 728.75 |
| Count -add'l ea | 42.00 | | 40.25 | | | | | 82.25 |
| Counts: Divorce, Custody, Equitable Distribution, Counsel Fees (Costs and alimony pendente lite), Alimony | | | | | | | | |
| Subsequent Filings | | | | | | | | |
| Count | General Total | Writ tax | Jcs/atj ¹ | Div. srch | Cust. Srch | Auto | Conciliator | Total |
| Custody Stip | 42.00 | | | | 8.00 | | | 50.00 |
| Cust. + Concil. | 42.00 | | 40.25 | | 8.00 | | 200.00 | 290.25 |
| Divorce | 42.00 | | 40.25 | 10.00 | | | | 92.25 |
| Divorce + 1 cnt. | 84.00 | | 80.50 | 10.00 | | | | 174.50 |
| (42.00 + 42.00) | | | | | | | | |
| Divorce + 2 cnts | 126.00 | | 120.75 | 10.00 | | | | 256.75 |
| Divorce + 3 cnts | 168.00 | | 161.00 | 10.00 | | | | 339.00 |
| Divorce + 4 cnts | 210.00 | | 201.25 | 10.00 | | | | 421.25 |
| ¹ the Jcs/atj values were increased as follows: every \$35.50 was increased to \$40.25; The "New" Totals reflect that increase. | | | | | | | | |
| Appointment of Divorce Master | 300 | | | | | | | |

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE of PENNSYLVANIA COURTS

TO: All System and Related Personnel
All Interested Parties

FROM: Thomas B. Darr
Court Administrator of Pennsylvania

Subject: Acts 40 and 44 of 2017 – Changes in Existing JCS/ATJ/CJEA Surcharge

Date: November 1, 2017

Acts 40 and 44 of 2017, recently signed by the Governor, make immediate changes to the Judicial Computer System/Access to Justice/Criminal Justice Enhancement Account (JCS/ATJ/CJEA) surcharge.

Below is a summary of the changes:

1. The JCS/ATJ/CJEA surcharge is increased from \$35.50 to **\$40.25** on all filings *except* those resulting from a summary traffic offense. The increase of \$4.75 is detailed below.
 - a. The portion of the surcharge distributed to the Criminal Justice Enhancement Account (CJEA) is increased by 25 cents (from \$2.25 to \$2.50).
 - b. The surcharge is increased by \$2.50, which will be distributed to the Office of Attorney General for general government operations.
 - c. The surcharge is increased by \$2.00, which will be distributed to the Access to Justice Account (ATJ).
 - d. The surcharge will **remain at \$40.25 through December 31, 2020.**

2. The JCS/ATJ surcharge for filings resulting from a traffic citation charging an offense under Title 75 (relating to vehicles) which is classified as a summary offense under a state statute or local ordinance is increased from \$10.00 to **\$22.00**. The increase of \$12.00 is detailed below.
 - a. The surcharge is increased by \$2.00, which will be distributed to the Access to Justice Account.
 - b. The surcharge is increased by \$10, which is earmarked for Judiciary operations.
 - c. The surcharge will **remain \$22.00 through December 31, 2020.**

These changes took effect immediately on October 30, 2017 (see attached chart).

We realize that some agencies may have an inventory of citations, and therefore a 90-day grace period has been approved during which time citations with the lower surcharge amount may be used, **provided** the incorrect amount (\$35.50/\$10.00) is crossed out and the correct amount (\$40.25/\$22.00) is written on the citation. Law enforcement officers may use old citations through **January 29, 2018**; thereafter, only the new citations with the correct pre-printed amount (\$40.25/\$22.00) shall be accepted for filing.

The Supreme Court will issue revised financial regulations to reflect these changes in rates and sunset dates. The revised regulations will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Notice of the changes in the amounts of these fees is being provided for the purpose of promoting general awareness and understanding of the changes to facilitate compliance. **Please be aware that these changes are unrelated to the annual increases in court costs made under Act 96 of 2010.**

Pursuant to the authority under 42 Pa.C.S. § 3502(a) to promulgate regulations specifying the time and manner of remittance of this fee by county staff, all collectors of the fee must be in compliance with these regulations on or before November 30, 2017. This implementation period is necessary to allow all collectors of the fee sufficient time to make the necessary adjustments to existing automated systems and protocols.

If we may be of assistance with regard to your implementation of Acts 40 and 44 of 2017, please contact David Price, Esq., at (717) 231-3300 ext. 3293, or Daryl Walker, Esq., at (717) 231-3300 ext. 3319.

Attachment – Fee Chart

cc: Rick Steele
David Price, Esq.
Daryl Walker, Esq.
Veronica Miller, Esq.

Unified Judicial System
Changes in Existing JCS/ATJ/CJEA/JCPS Surcharges Per Acts 40
and 44 of 2017
Effective October 30, 2017

Filings Excluding Traffic Citations

| <u>Fee/Surcharge</u> | <u>Prior</u> | <u>Effective</u> <u>10/30/2017</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| JCS | \$8.00 | \$8.00 |
| ATJ | \$4.00 | \$6.00 |
| CJEA | \$2.25 | \$2.50 |
| JCPS | \$21.25 | \$21.25 |
| <u>OAG</u> 1/ | <u>N/A</u> | <u>\$2.50</u> |
| Total | \$35.50 | \$40.25 |

Filings Applicable to Traffic Citations

| <u>Fee/Surcharge</u> | <u>Prior</u> | <u>Effective</u> <u>10/30/2017</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| JCS | \$8.00 | \$8.00 |
| ATJ | \$2.00 | \$4.00 |
| <u>JCPS</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$10.00</u> |
| Total | \$10.00 | \$22.00 |

1/ New permanent surcharge created by Act 40 of 2017 appropriated to the Office of Attorney General.