

**CHARLES M. GREENE**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**CIRCUIT JUDGE**  
**SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL**  
**CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**



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**TO:** All Attorneys and Guardians Appearing in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**FROM:** Judge Charles M. Greene  
**DATE:** January 15, 2019  
**RE:** Fees in Guardianship Proceedings

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For many years the Probate Division of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit has operated under an informal understanding regarding fees in guardianship proceedings based on prevailing rates and fees customarily charged in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit and other jurisdictions for similar services. To clarify the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit's position on fees in guardianship proceedings, it should be understood that absent extraordinary circumstances, the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit operates under a cap on fees in guardianship proceedings as follows:

Services provided by a Professional Guardian - \$85.00/hr\*  
Attorneys providing services to Guardians - \$350.00/hr  
Paralegals providing services to Attorneys for Guardians - \$125.00/hr

\*All other fees for services provided are to be decided on a case-by-case basis pursuant to Section 744.108, Fla. Stat., including services provided by Professional Guardians' staff and by Non-Professional Guardians.

cc: Judge Mark A. Speiser  
Judge Kenneth Gillespie  
Judge Mily Rodriguez Powell  
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