

ELLIS COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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IN THE ELLIS COUNTY

2024-4

COURT AT LAW NO. 1

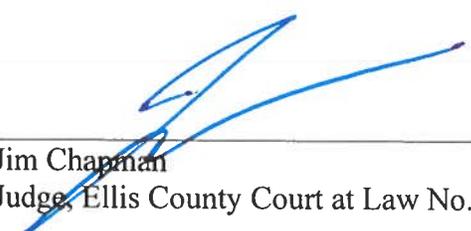
ORDER

In all applications to determine heirship and probate applications for lost wills, copies of wills and for wills offered for probate more than four years after the date of death a deposit for the fee for the attorney ad litem shall be paid at the time of filing. The attorney ad litem deposit shall be held by the County Clerk in the registry of the Court to be disbursed to the attorney ad litem appointed in the case upon order of the Court.

Effective January 1, 2025 the deposit amount shall be increased to \$600.00. This amount, while a deposit only, should cover the ad litem expense in the majority of cases. The administrative fee is waived when the deposited funds are distributed.

The Clerk should forward the case to the Court upon filing so that an attorney ad litem may be appointed. No case for which an attorney ad litem deposit is required will be heard by the Court until such deposit has been paid. This Order supersedes all prior Orders in conflict with it.

Ordered this 14th day of November, 2024



Jim Chapman
Judge, Ellis County Court at Law No. 1