

**ELLIS COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

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IN THE ELLIS COUNTY

2025-4

COURT AT LAW NO. 1

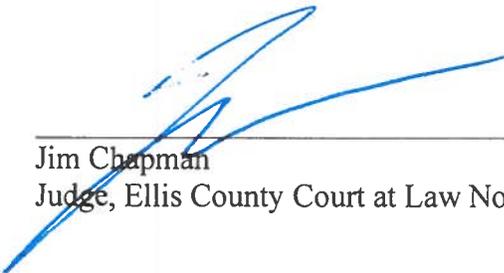
**ORDER REGARDING AD LITEM FEE DEPOSIT
FOR CERTAIN PROBATE CASES**

In all applicants to appoint a Temporary Administrator, for a determination of heirship and applications for lost wills, copies of will and will offered for probate more than four years after the date of death of the decedent a deposit for the fee for Attorney Ad Litem shall be paid at the time of filing unless the applicant concurrently files an affidavit of indigency that complies with TRCP 145. 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 August 26, 2025 the deposit amount shall be \$600 and should cover the majority of uncontested cases. However, if a Temporary Administration is sought alone or in conjunction with one of the aforementioned applications, the deposit amount shall be \$1,500 given the expedited time frame, the increased complexity and greater likelihood of a contest. The administrative fee is waived when the deposited funds are distributed.

The Clerk shall forward the case to the Court upon filing so that an Attorney Ad Litem may be appointed. This Order supersedes all prior Orders in conflict with it.

Ordered this 26th day of August, 2025



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