ORDER FOR SECURITY	§	**IN THE PROBATE COURT**
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	§	**NO. FOUR (4) OF**
OF COSTS FOR AD LITEM FEES	§	
	§	**HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS**

Order Requiring Security for Appointees Fees

This Probate Court finds that the costs associated with Attorneys Ad Litem fees appointed as required by statute[1] in Heirship and Guardianship proceedings should be equalized and reasonably predictable.

This Probate Court further find that appointees in heirship and guardianship proceedings should be assured payment of a minimum of their reasonable and necessary fees.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED pursuant to Texas Estates Code §§53.052 & 1053.052 that Applicants, beginning on October 1, 2024, filing Applications ("Applications") for the Determination of Heirship and Applications for the Appointment of a Guardian shall pay a one-time amount of $700.00, no later than one week after filing their initial Applications, as security for the costs for the Attorney Ad Litem appointed in their case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Harris County Clerk shall collect and place the funds into a Court Appointed Attorney fund (not the Registry of the Court) until ordered by the Court to pay such funds to the Appointee and/or refund certain sums of money back to the Applicant.

Signed this 16th day of August, 2024

James Horwitz, Judge
Harris County Probate Court No. Four (4)

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[1] See e.g. Tex. Estates Code §202.009 & 1054.001