



# Superior Court of California

## County of Sacramento

### NOTICE OF CIVIL FEE CHANGES Effective January 1, 2024

Effective January 1, 2024, Senate Bill (SB) 71 (Stats. 2023, Ch. 861)<sup>[1]</sup> raises the jurisdictional limits for small claims and limited civil cases. Under SB 71, small claims courts have jurisdiction over actions where the amount demanded does not exceed \$6,250 (previously \$5,000), or \$12,500 (previously \$10,000) if the action is brought by a natural person. Cases are now considered limited civil cases if the amount in controversy is \$35,000 or less (previously \$25,000).

<b>Unlimited Civil Cases</b>			
1	Complaint or other first paper in unlimited civil case (amount over <b>\$35,000</b> ), including:	GC 70611, 70602.5, 70602.6	\$ 435*
2	Complaint or other first paper in unlawful detainer case over <b>\$35,000</b>		
3	Petition for a writ of review, mandate, or prohibition (other than a writ petition to the appellate division)		
4	Petition for a decree of change of name or gender		
5	Answer or other first paper filed by each party other than plaintiff (amount over <b>\$35,000</b> ) (including unlawful detainer)	GC 70612, 70602.5, 70602.6	\$ 435*
6	Claim opposing forfeiture of seized property, if value of property is \$5,000 or less <sup>2</sup>	H&S 11488.5(a)(3)	No fee

<b>Limited Civil Cases</b>			
7	Complaint or other first paper (amount over \$10,000 up to <b>\$35,000</b> )	GC 70613(a), 70602.5	\$ 370*
8	Complaint or other first paper in unlawful detainer (amount over \$10,000 up to <b>\$35,000</b> )	GC 70613(a), 70602.5, CCP 1161.2	\$ 385*
9	Answer or other first paper filed by each party other than plaintiff (amount over \$10,000 up to <b>\$35,000</b> ) (including unlawful detainer)	GC 70614(a), 70602.5	\$ 370*

<b>SMALL CLAIMS FEES</b>			
80	Filing claim for \$1,500 or less	CCP 116.230(b)(1)	\$ 30
81	Filing claim for more than \$1,500 but less than or equal to \$5,000	CCP 116.230(b)(2)	\$ 50
82	Filing claim for more than \$5,000 but less than or equal to <b>\$12,500</b> (claim by natural persons only, with certain exceptions)	CCP 116.230(b)(3), CCP 116.221	\$ 75
83	Filing claim by person who has filed more than 12 small claims in California within the previous 12 months	CCP 116.230(c)	\$ 100

<sup>[1]</sup> Senate Bill 71 is available at [https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240SB71](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB71)

SMALL CLAIMS FEES			
84	Amendment raising amount of claim from \$1,500 or less to more than \$1,500 but not exceeding \$5,000	CCP 116.230(d)(1)	\$ 20
85	Amendment raising amount of claim from more than \$1,500 but not exceeding \$5,000 to more than \$5,000 but not exceeding \$12,500 (claim by natural persons only, with certain exceptions)	CCP 116.230(d)(2), CCP 116.221	\$ 25
86	Amendment raising amount of claim from \$1,500 or less to more than \$5,000 but not exceeding \$12,500 (claim by natural persons only, with certain exceptions)	CCP 116.230(d)(3), CCP 116.221	\$ 45
Other Appeals			
172	Appeal in limited civil case (to appellate division), where amount demanded in case does not exceed \$10,000	GC 70621(b), 70602.5	\$ 225
173	Appeal in limited civil case (to appellate division), where amount demanded in case exceeds \$10,000 (but does not exceed \$35,000)	GC 70621(a), 70602.5	\$ 370
174	Appeal in small claims case	CCP 116.760	\$ 75
175	Writ petition to appellate division, where amount demanded in limited civil case does not exceed \$10,000	GC 70621(b), 70602.5	\$ 225
176	Writ petition to appellate division, where amount demanded in limited civil case exceeds \$10,000 (but does not exceed \$35,000)	GC 70621(a), 70602.5	\$ 370
177	Appeal from Labor Commissioner's Award (Lab.C 98.2)	GC 70611, 70602.5, 70602.6	\$ 435*

**Appendix: First paper filing fees under the UCF in courts  
with local courthouse construction surcharges**

	Limited civil cases			Unlimited civil cases (> \$35,000), family, probate
	Limited civil ≤ \$10,000	Limited civil > \$10,000	Amendment to amount over \$10,000 < \$25,000*	
<b>Statewide uniform fee<sup>8</sup></b>	\$ 225	\$ 370	\$ 145	\$ 435
Normal distribution to State Court Facilities Construction Fund <sup>9</sup>	\$ 20	\$ 25	None	\$ 35
<b>Riverside<sup>10</sup></b>				
Local courthouse construction surcharge	\$ 50	\$ 50	None	\$ 50
Distribution to SCFCF	\$ 0	\$ 0	None	\$ 0
<b>Total fee (with local surcharge and offset from SCFCF distribution)</b>	<b>\$ 255</b>	<b>\$ 395</b>	<b>\$ 140</b>	<b>\$ 450</b>
<b>San Bernardino<sup>11</sup></b>				
Local courthouse construction surcharge	\$ 35	\$ 35	None	\$ 35
Distribution to SCFCF	\$ 0	\$ 0	None	\$ 0
<b>Total fee (with local surcharge and offset from SCFCF distribution)</b>	<b>\$ 240</b>	<b>\$ 380</b>	<b>\$ 140</b>	<b>\$ 435</b>
<b>San Francisco<sup>12</sup></b>				
Local courthouse construction surcharge	\$ 10	\$ 10	None	\$ 50

**Fees for limited civil unlawful detainer cases and cases filed by assignees  
in courts with local courthouse construction surcharges**

		Limited civil unlawful detainer cases <sup>13</sup>		Cases filed by assignees	
		Unlawful detainer, limited civil ≤ \$10,000	Unlawful detainer, limited civil > \$10,000	Ltd civil with declarations <\$5,000	Amendment to amount over \$10,000 < \$25,000 <sup>14</sup>
<b>Statewide uniform fee</b>		<b>\$ 240</b>	<b>\$ 385</b>	<b>\$ 181</b>	<b>\$ 189</b>
Normal distribution to State Court Facilities Construction Fund <sup>15</sup>		\$ 20	\$ 25	\$ 20	None
<b>Riverside<sup>16</sup></b>	Local courthouse construction surcharge	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	None
	Distribution to SCFCF	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	None
	<b>Total fee (with local surcharge and offset from SCFCF distribution)</b>	<b>\$ 270</b>	<b>\$ 410</b>	<b>\$ 211</b>	<b>\$ 184</b>

The updated local Statewide Civil Fee Schedule, effective January 1, 2024, is posted to the Sacramento Superior Court’s webpage at <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/indexes/fees-forms.aspx>.

The current Statewide Civil Fee Schedule, effective January 1, 2024, is posted on the California Courts’ web site at <https://www.courts.ca.gov/7646.htm>.