

REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)
Act 236 of 1961

600.4909 Mediation fee.

Sec. 4909. (1) Within 14 days after the mailing of the notice of the mediation hearing, each party shall submit payment to the mediation clerk of a mediation fee of \$75.00 in the manner specified in the notice of the mediation hearing. However, if a judge is a member of the panel, the fee shall be \$50.00. Only a single fee is required of each party, even if there are counterclaims, cross-claims, or third-party claims. The mediation clerk shall arrange payment to the mediators.

(2) If a claim is derivative of another claim, the claims shall be treated as a single claim, with 1 fee to be paid and a single award made by the mediators.

(3) In the case of multiple injuries to members of a single family, the plaintiffs may elect to treat the action as involving 1 claim, with the payment of 1 fee and the rendering of 1 lump sum award to be accepted or rejected. If such an election is not made, a separate fee shall be paid for each plaintiff, and the mediation panel shall then make separate awards for each claim, which may be individually accepted or rejected.

History: Add. 1986, Act 178, Eff. Oct. 1, 1986.

Compiler's note: Section 3 of Act 178 of 1986 provides:

“(1) Sections 2925b, 5805, 5838, and 5851 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as amended by this amendatory act, shall not apply to causes of action arising before October 1, 1986.

“(2) Sections 1483, 5838a, and 6304 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as added by this amendatory act, shall apply to causes of action arising on or after October 1, 1986.

“(3) Sections 1629, 1653, 2169, 2591, 2912c, 2912d, 2912e, 6098, 6301, 6303, 6305, 6306, 6307, 6309, and 6311 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as added by this amendatory act, shall apply to cases filed on or after October 1, 1986.

“(4) Sections 1651 and 6013 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as amended by this amendatory act, shall not apply to cases filed before October 1, 1986.

“(5) Chapter 49 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as added by this amendatory act, shall apply to cases filed on or after January 1, 1987.

“(6) Chapter 49a of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as added by this amendatory act, shall apply to cases filed in judicial circuits which are comprised of more than 1 county on or after July 1, 1990 and shall apply to cases filed in judicial circuits which are comprised of 1 county on or after October 1, 1988.”