

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

7-204.

(a) (1) Except in the District Court, except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection for Baltimore County, and except as otherwise provided in this section, an attorney-at-law is entitled to demand and receive the following fees:

(i) For bringing, prosecuting, or defending any action at law in a court of original jurisdiction -- \$5;

(ii) For prosecuting or defending any action, including the collection of money due on mortgage, in a court of equity -- \$10;

(iii) For prosecuting or defending a case in the Court of Appeals -- \$10;

(iv) For prosecuting or defending a criminal case if the punishment for the offense charged is death or confinement in the penitentiary -- \$10; and

(v) In all other criminal cases -- \$5.

(k) In Worcester County the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall deposit monthly all appearance fees collected under subsection (a) OF THIS SECTION into [the] A SPECIAL account TO BE known as the ["Worcester County court library."] "COURT AND BAR LIBRARY ACCOUNT". The [fund] ACCOUNT shall be [used] for the general [purposes] USE of the court library [of the county, and together with other funds in the fund, shall be disbursed upon the approval of the senior resident judge of Worcester County] AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE COURT'S FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT, AND TOGETHER WITH OTHER FUNDS IN THE ACCOUNT, SHALL BE DISBURSED UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved April 11, 1989.