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Dear Appellate Clerks of Court:

During the 2016 Regular Legislative Session, House Bill 224 was filed to clarify and streamline the collection of the 50¢ court cost currently collected for the Louisiana Judicial College. After passage, House Bill 224 became Act No. 131, a copy of which is enclosed. It is effective August 1, 2016.

Act 131 repealed existing law and enacted La. R.S. 13:86, which requires the 50¢ court cost be collected on all civil filings, including all family and juvenile cases. La. R.S. 13:86 also applies to all criminal and traffic convictions, whether misdemeanor or felony, and essentially tracks the language of C.Cr.P. art. 887(F)(1) which governs collections for “CMIS” (Trial Court Case Management Information Fund). The new cost does not apply to any matter wherein collection of court cost is not authorized by law for that grade of offense.

Previously, by law appellate filing fees included a 50¢ court cost collected for the Louisiana Judicial College on civil matters, excluding juvenile and family matters. However, La. R.S. 13:86 now requires that the 50¢ be collected as part of the court cost **for all appeals filed with your court, including juvenile and family matters**. Please verify that the clerk of the originating court includes as part of the appellate filing fee the 50¢ court cost for appeals, whether civil, traffic, or criminal, including juvenile and family cases. Once collected, please transmit these funds as explained below.

For your convenience, I have attached a copy of Act No. 131 and a revised form to be used for the transmittal of the Judicial College 50¢ court cost. Please be sure to include this form when you mail your monthly collections. This form can also be found on the Louisiana Supreme Court website at www.lasc.org under “Forms for Judges.” Other than the transmittal form and your check, no other documentation should be transmitted with your payment. This 50¢ collection is to be mailed to the address on the form and is due by the 15th of the month following the collections. As Act 131 is effective August 1, collections for the month of August should be submitted by September 15, 2016.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please contact Marie Anders, Program Attorney for the Louisiana Judicial College, at manders@lasc.org or (504) 310-2640 if you have any questions regarding this collection.

Yours very truly,



Sandra A. Vujnovich

Attachments: Act 131, Revised Louisiana Judicial College Form A

cc: Chief Justice Bernette J. Johnson

Chief Judge Vanessa Guidry-Whipple

Chief Judge Henry N. Brown, Jr.

Chief Judge Ulysses Gene Thibodeaux

Chief Judge James F. McKay, III

Chief Judge Susan M. Chehardy

ACT No. 131

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 224

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:86 and to repeal R.S. 13:126.1, 352.1, 841.3, 1213.3, 1912, 2157.1, 2500.5,
3 2520, and 2565, relative to court costs; to provide relative to court costs collected for
4 civil filings and criminal convictions; to provide for the use of proceeds of such
5 costs; to provide for an audit; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:86 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §86. Judicial College; education account; sources of funds

9 A. In addition to any other filing fee or cost imposed or authorized by law,
10 the clerk of the Supreme Court and each city, parish, juvenile, family, district, and
11 appellate court shall impose and collect from each party liable for court costs the
12 additional sum of fifty cents for the initial filing in all civil matters.

13 B. In addition to the costs provided for in Subsection A of this Section, a
14 person convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor, or violating an ordinance of any local
15 government, including a traffic felony, traffic misdemeanor, or a local traffic
16 violation, shall be assessed an additional fifty cents as a special court cost. These
17 costs shall be imposed by all courts, including mayor's courts and magistrate courts.

18 C. All funds collected pursuant to this Section shall be deposited into a
19 special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme Court in the
20 manner and form specified by the Supreme Court and shall be used to defray the
21 costs associated with the general growth and program improvement strategies of the
22 Judicial College. The Supreme Court shall conduct an annual audit of the books and
23 accounts relating to the funds collected pursuant to this Section, and shall file the
24 audit with the legislative auditor where it shall be available for public inspection.

1 Section 2. R.S. 13:126.1, 352.1, 841.3, 1213.3, 1912, 2157.1, 2500.5, 2520, and
2 2565 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____



LOUISIANA JUDICIAL COLLEGE FORM A

(La. R.S. 13:86) (revised August, 2016)

This form is to accompany payment for the Louisiana Judicial College 50¢ court cost collection, under La. R.S. 13:86 applicable to all civil filings and traffic and criminal convictions.

1. Please fill out this form completely and accurately. Please do not submit alternative or supplemental documentation.
2. Include (do not staple) a check for the proper amount made payable to **Louisiana Supreme Court**.
3. Mail this form and payment by the 15th of the following month to this address:

Judicial Administrator, Supreme Court of Louisiana
 ATTN: Louisiana Judicial College Collections
 400 Royal St., Suite 1190
 New Orleans, LA 70130-8101

Name of Court: _____

The calendar month and year for which this remittance is made: _____

Total number of civil and traffic filings for which this remittance is made: _____

Number of: _____ Civil Filings _____ Traffic Convictions _____ Criminal Convictions

Amount of Payment _____ Check Number: _____

Comments: _____

I, _____, do hereby submit that the above represents, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and accurate accounting of the number of civil matter filings and convictions, guilty pleas, and/or nolo contendere pleas in criminal and traffic matters, obtained by the court during the calendar month specified.

Signature

Name (please print or type) and Title

Email Address

Contact Phone Number

Please duplicate this form as needed for your records. A fillable version of this form can be found at the lasc.org website. If you have questions, please contact the Judicial College: manders@lasc.org, (504) 310-2640.

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Received: _____ Processed: _____ Deposit: _____

(Revised: 8/2016)