

CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Legal/Statutory Memorandum

Subject: Change in fees for Small Claims

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Based upon Chapter 309 of the Laws of 1996, § 1803(a) of the New York City Civil Court Act has been amended, revising the filing fee for small claims actions.

Effective July 23, 1996, the filing fee for commencing a small claims action shall be: **ten dollars** (\$10.00) for claims in the amount of one thousand dollars or less and

**fifteen dollars** (\$15.00) for claims in the amount of more than one thousand dollars.

Based upon the statute, the cost of mailing, by ordinary first class mail and by certified mail with return receipt requested, which had previously been charged, will no longer be collected separately for small claims transactions.

Any additional filings on small claims cases which were commenced on or before July 22, 1996, should be processed using the then-existing fee schedule.

There has been no change to the fees for commercial claims and consumer transactions, which remain at twenty-two dollars and eighty-four cents (\$20.00 plus \$2.84 for mailing).

Dated: July 22, 1996

Jacqueline Silbermann  
Administrative Judge