

In many instances the attorney's services are purely routine, such as obtaining ex parte orders. In several estates the fiduciary's attorney performs services normally performed by the fiduciary, and claims attorney fees for them even though the fiduciary receives his full "ordinary" fee. If the same attorney handles several estates in a particular transaction identical fees may be charged to each estate regardless of the routine and duplicative nature of the services.

Eugene Therieau, for example, has been guardian of the estates of Ray and Ruth Patencio and conservator of the estates of their parents, John and Frances Patencio. In the Ray Patencio estate Therieau requested fees for extraordinary services, described as: negotiating for discount of judgment obtained against ward by victim of ward's automobile accident; securing loans from estates of ward's sister and parents for settlement of the judgment; obtaining authority from Bureau of Indian Affairs for assignment of ward's rental income to repay these loans; rendering services in connection with lease amendments and rights-of-way; petitioning for broker's fee; petitioning for increase in ward's allowance; and purchasing