The Marin County Public Administrator team is compensated similar to other administrators and attorneys. As mandated by state law, Marin County incurs an administrative cost for taking on a case. Administrative costs are calculated on a percentage basis determined by the value of the estate. The minimum estate fee is $1,000 for non-court cases.

- 4% of the first $100,000
- 3% of the next $100,000
- 2% of the next $800,000
- 1% of the next $9,000,000
- 0.5% of next $15,000,000
- Over $25,000,000 is subject to court’s discretion, where a reasonable amount will be determined

The court may also award additional fees for complex situations that require additional time and oversight. Larger, more complex cases can include the sale of real property, stocks, litigation to collect assets, and defending actions against the estate.

Fees are often reviewed and approved by the court before they can be awarded.
The Marin County Public Administrator program is staffed by sworn Deputy Public Administrators certified by the California State Association of Public Administrators, Public Guardians and Public Conservators.

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Questions about the Marin County Public Administrator program?
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Are you a provider and want to refer someone to the Public Administrator?
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A Public Administrator may be appointed when:
• Nominated by an heir or the majority of heirs to act on their behalf
• Named as Administrator in a will
• No will is found
• Ordered by the Court
• There are no known heirs of an estate
• Named executor fails to act

Once a Public Administrator is appointed, you can generally expect estate closure and distribution between 18-24 months depending on complexity.

Ensuring the process after someone passes is managed with dignity, respect and trust.