

### LOC.R. 71.3 EARLY PAYMENTS OF ATTORNEY FEES

Sup.R. 71(B) establishes the time for the payment of attorney fees in estates. Unless the Court approves an application for early payment, attorney fees for the administration of decedents' estates shall be neither paid by the fiduciary, nor accepted by counsel, in advance of preparation for filing of the final account or final closing documents. This applies regardless of the source of the payment. Any application for early payment shall set forth the justification for the request. An early payment application shall be set for hearing unless signed Consents to the early payment are filed from all beneficiaries bearing the burden of paying the fees, and from the creditors in the event of expected insolvency. Notice of the hearing must be given by the applicant to the affected non-consenting beneficiaries, and to the creditors in the event of expected insolvency. The Court may exercise its discretion to set any early payment application for hearing.