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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK A. JUNGQUIST, Deceased.

YVONNE WINSLOW,)
Executor-Appellant,) Filed February 22, 1979
vs.)
EDWIN A. GETSCHER,) 786
Defendant-Appellee.) 2-61901

Appeal from Fremont District Court - Leo F. Connolly, Judge.

Estate executor appeals from award of attorney's fees. Affirmed.

Jack W. Peters, of Johnson, Stuart, Tinley, Peters & Thorn, of Council Bluffs, counsel for appellant.

Edwin A. Getscher, of Getscher & Getscher, of Hamburg, pro se.

Submitted to Oxberger, C. J., Donielson, Snell, Carter and Johnson, JJ.

PER CURIAM

In this appeal, the executor for the estate of Frederick A. Jungquist, deceased, contends that the trial court's award of $11,200 in attorney's fees to the original attorney for the executor is excessive and inequitable. The attorney, Edwin A. Getscher, claimed he spent 434 1/4 hours working on the estate and requested $22,000 in fees. The trial court found that Getscher had expended 224 hours and awarded him fees of $50 an hour, or $11,200, plus actual costs. We affirm the order of the trial court.

The trial court has wide discretion in the allowance of fees to administrators, executors, trustees and attorneys, see In re Estate of Law, 253 Iowa 599, 605, 113 N.W.2d 233, 236 (1962); In re Trust of Larkins, 243 Iowa 322, 326, 51 N.W.2d 396, 398 (1952), and its order fixing fees will be interfered with on appeal only if it lacks adequate evidentiary support. In re Estate of Engelkes, 256 Iowa 213, 216, 127 N.W.2d 111, 113 (1964); In re Trusteeship of Woltersdorf, 255 Iowa 914, 916, 124 N.W.2d 510, 511 (1963).

We are satisfied that the trial court carefully reviewed the time records presented and determined the amount of the compensation to be awarded, considering the character of the services rendered and the amount and extent of the estate. See Glynn v. Cascade State Bank, 227 Iowa 932, 938-939, 289 N.W. 722, 725 (1940). The gross estate in the instant case could be valued at more than one million dollars and was very complex. While the fees awarded may be somewhat high, particularly in light of at least one potentially costly error committed by Getscher, we find no basis upon which to hold trial court abused its discretion in allowing $11,200 for the services performed.

AFFIRMED.