

Probate Reopening Public Meeting

May 8th, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

Judge Thomas Cahraman
Tom Johnson, Managing Attorney
Sheri Gulino, Probate Director

5/11/20

- Reopen filing for all probate matters
- Methods of filing:
 - By eSubmit, drop-box, and US mail:
 - All matters
 - In-person at Justice Centers (Hall of Justice, Larson, Southwest) - only for the following:
 - Temporary conservatorship,
 - Temporary guardianship,
 - Ex-parte, and
 - LPS conservatorship.
- Backlog
 - Processing of the backlog of filings is projected to be complete before June 15th, 2020.
- ESubmit
 - \$1.85 fee is suspended through June 30, 2020.

5/18/20

- Elder abuse hearings will commence in-person.
 - Only in departments 55 and 62 (Hall of Justice), and 3P (Larson Justice Center)
 - Time of hearings will be 10:00 am.
 - Petitioner should give notice of the location change, and bring proof of service to hearing.
- Resume updating of Probate Notes
 - Only for hearings on or after June 15th
- Resume investigations
 - No in-person investigations until further notice

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- Resume all morning hearings in all four probate courtrooms
 - By telephone only, through WebEx
 - No cost to use WebEx (unlike CourtCall)
 - Can connect by telephone or internet
 - Petitioner must give new notice of hearing with telephone hearing contact information, at least by mail, the statutory period before the hearing (e.g. 5, 15, or 30 days). If there

is no pending petition, the court-appointed fiduciary must serve the notice (e.g. a review as to whether bond has been filed or review of a temporary guardianship).

- Hearing time change to 1:30 pm for Elder Abuse
 - Elder abuse hearings will continue to be heard in-person in departments 55, 62, and 3P.
 - The time of these hearings will move from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. Depending on the number of trials, some may be scheduled later in the afternoon.

Clerk's office hours

- Public in-person hours: 9am to 2pm
 - Hall of Justice,
 - Larson Justice Center, and
 - Southwest Justice Center
- Staff in courthouses not open to the public will be available during normal business hours.
 - Historic Courthouse
 - Temecula Courthouse
 - Palm Springs Courthouse
- Other than Elder Abuse, as indicated above, hearings will proceed at their scheduled times.

Q&A