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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

RE:
OPTIONAL IN-PERSON PROBATE
INVESTIGATIONS

GENERAL ORDER NO.: 2022-11

The Riverside Superior Court is committed to protecting the health and safety of court staff and the public. In March 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court began implementing a number of protocols and procedures, and modified court operations to protect the health and safety of court staff and the public. On March 16, 2020, pursuant to Administrative Order 2020-7, the Court suspended in-person probate investigations in conservatorship and guardianships cases. Thereafter, as the community spread of COVID-19 significantly decreased, on July 21, 2021, pursuant to General Order 2021-28, the Court resumed in-person probate investigations.

Currently there is an alarming surge in the number of COVID-19 cases in Riverside County due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant. Probate investigations in conservatorship and guardianship cases are conducted by court staff in personal residences, as well as in congregate living facilities that are particularly vulnerable to the transmission of

1 COVID-19. In light of the highly transmissible Omicron variant, conducting in-person probate
2 investigations may endanger the health and well-being of court staff and the parties and other
3 persons involved in a guardianship or conservatorship cases.

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5 Therefore, to protect the health and well-being of the public and court staff, for good cause
6 and pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §§124 and 128, Government Code §68070, Cal. Rules
7 of Court, rule 10.603, General Order 2022-8, the inherent powers of the Court (*In re Reno* (2012)
8 55 Cal.4th 428, 522), and in compliance with federal, state and local guidelines, the Court hereby
9 finds and orders as follows:

10 1. Court probate investigations in conservatorships and guardianships may be conducted
11 either in-person or by way of telephone and other remote technologies.

12 2. The Court reserves the authority to rescind or modify any part of this order, as
13 appropriate, to address changing circumstances.

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15 IT IS SO ORDERED

16 Date: 1/13/22

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20 JOHN M. MONTEROSSO
21 Presiding Judge
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