

**PROBATE / GUARDIANSHIP
CIRCUIT JUDGE, THOMAS M. BEVERLY
DIVISION PR-B**

PROCEDURES AS OF JULY 22, 2026:

All hearings are held via zoom.

All proposed orders should be filed through the e-portal *except as noted below.*

Proposed orders come directly to the Court. They do not go through the Clerk first. Your pleading must be filed through the Clerk and appear on the docket prior to submission of your order.

The following change was made as of August 8, 2025:

ORDERS OF DISCHARGE (both probate and guardianship) will no longer be submitted by paper directly to the Clerk. Upon completion of the Clerk's audit, the Clerk will send a notification to the attorney of record. Upon receipt of the notification from the Clerk, you may submit your proposed order of discharge through the e-portal.

ELECTRONIC ORDERS Exception (TESTATE cases only):

- The initial Order Admitting Will **along with any accompanying order(s)** such as an Order Appointing Personal Representative, Letters of Administration, or if it's a testate summary administration, the Order admitting will and Order of Summary Administration. These should be formatted for a wet signature (no codes) and mailed or hand delivered directly to the Clerk (not filed through the portal). **Please do not email the clerk.**

URGENT ORDERS: You may send those via email to the Judicial Assistant. The email must include the following information:

subject line: URGENT: Case number, case name, and reason for the email (e.g., PENDING SALE; EMERGENCY TEMPORARY GUARDIAN, etc.)

REQUESTS FOR HEARINGS:

- Email works best for hearing requests. The Zoom link will be provided by the Judicial Assistant upon confirmation of a date and time.

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS / NON-JURY TRIALS:

MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE COURT. Each party shall provide to the Court exhibits or hard copies of any materials to be considered at the hearing *at least three business days prior to the commencement of the hearing.* **Tabbed, three-ring binders are preferred.**

PLEASE CHECK THE DOCKET for updates before contacting the Judicial Assistant for case status.

EMAIL AND VOICEMAIL MESSAGES will be returned in the order received. Your patience is appreciated!

Thank you,
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