



Superior Court of California County of San Diego

CENTRAL COURTHOUSE
1100 Union St
SAN DIEGO CA 92101

January 25, 2024

NOTICE TO ATTORNEYS

NOTICE OF CHANGES TO CALENDARING PETITIONS COMMENCING THE ADMINISTRATION OF AN ESTATE (Prob. Code § 8003)

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Petitions commencing the administration of an estate (i.e., case initiation with a Petition for Probate of Will and Letters Testamentary; Petition for Probate of Will and Letters of Administration with Will Annexed; Petition for Letters of Administration; Petition for Letters of Special Administration-*not filed ex parte*) will be set within the timeframes outlined in Probate Code § 8003. Specifically, these petitions will be set not less than 15-days nor more than 30-days from the date of filing, or at the request of the petitioner, not less than 30-days nor more than 45-days.

To request a hearing date within 30-45 days from the date of filing, a local form entitled, *Attachment to Initial or Competing Petition for Probate* (SDSC Form #PR-198), has been created. If this form is not submitted with the petition on or after February 1, 2024, the hearing will be set between 15 and 30-days from the date of filing. If more time is needed for notice or publication, a continuance may be requested from your assigned Probate Examiner.

Continuances, Amended Petitions, and Petitions to Appoint Successors are not subject to these setting requirements and will be set on the departments' next available date.

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2024

Beginning March 1, 2024, the *Attachment to Initial or Competing Petition for Probate* will be a mandatory form when filing a petition commencing the administration of an estate.