

Probate

Locations

- Central Courthouse
- North County Regional Center



In-person services previously available, including in-person hearings and in-person investigations in guardianship and conservatorships, will resume at a later date.

Probate hearings are being conducted via Microsoft Teams. Visit sdcourt.ca.gov/Probate for more information.

E-Filing for Probate matters is available. Find more information at the Probate e-Filing link at sdcourt.ca.gov/Probate.

General services available:

- Remote investigations (telephone) in guardianship and conservatorship cases
- Setting ex parte matters per the standard department guidelines
- Examining and posting Probate Notes to the San Diego Superior Court website for matters with a future hearing date
- All regularly scheduled hearings (guardianships, conservatorships, decedent's estates, trusts, etc.)
- Effective Nov. 2, 2020, all Probate matters will be conducted via Microsoft Teams telephone/video conference. *No personal appearances are allowed until further notice*

Probate Business Office in-person services:

- Process copy requests and certifications. Exemplifications must be dropped in the Drop Box or mailed only
- Accept and file ex parte petitions/applications and set hearings
- Answer questions and provide forms over the counter
- All other items to be filed should be submitted via the Drop Box, mail or e-Filing

Self-Help Services for Guardianship and Conservatorship Cases

Court-based legal service providers including the Family Law Facilitator (FLF) and Legal Aid Society of San Diego (LASSD) offer assistance in select probate matters. Providers are attorneys and legal professionals who can explain procedures and prepare your forms. Services are provided at no cost.

Family Law Facilitator – Guardianship Cases

Guardianship workshops are being conducted by video conference (Zoom) twice weekly (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

- Register Online: iflow.sdcourt.ca.gov
- Register by Phone: 619-844-2869

Legal Aid Society of San Diego (LASSD) – Conservatorship Cases

- Central Courthouse (1100 Union Street, San Diego 92101), 5th floor, Room 541
- Clinic Walk-In Hours:
 - Tuesday/Thursday
 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Legal Services for Probate Guardianship of the Person:

If you are seeking or objecting to guardianship, seeking to terminate a guardianship, or seeking visitation or other orders in a guardianship, and are low income, you may qualify for assistance through the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program.

San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program (SDVLP)

Remote assistance is available by phone and video conference. SDVLP will prepare your forms and mail or email them to you to print at home, or SDVLP can e-file your forms with the court

- 619-235-5656, Ext. 111
- Apply for assistance online by filling out the Guardianship Legal Assistance Request Form at sdvlp.org