



Probate Bench Essential Hearings

Probate Bench Presiding Judge: Hon. Kenneth Lee, Division 03

The following hearings may be conducted, and will presumptively be conducted telephonically unless the Court orders otherwise:

- Title 36 Mental Health Hearings
- Appointment of Guardian and/or Conservator, both emergency/temporary requests and permanent requests
- Requests to remove a guardian and/or conservator
- Petitions to open a probate with or without a will and the appointment of a personal representative or special administrator
- Requests to remove a personal representative or special administrator
- Requests for the release of restrictions on assets in estate
- Petitions to remove a trustee
- Petitions regarding disposition of a decedent's body
- Petitions to determine the validity of or enforce a health care directive
- Any other matter as the Court may deem appropriate or necessary

The Court will continue to expect that any hearings scheduled while Administrative Order 2020-38 is in effect will be necessary and productive. Counsel shall determine in advance of any court appearance whether the matter meets those criteria and notify the Court accordingly.

Trial divisions will continue to coordinate calendars through the bench presiding judge.

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