



# Superior Court of California County of Orange **News Release**

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## **Court Offers Weekly Virtual Probate Workshop**

**Santa Ana, CA** – The Orange County Superior Court created and is offering a weekly virtual workshop teaching self-represented members of the public the process to clear Probate Notes for Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Decedents' Estate cases.

“The newly formulated virtual workshop will aid self-represented customers of our Court, who would otherwise not be able to access our Self-Help Services due to COVID-19, or because they have other limitations,” said Orange County Superior Court Presiding Judge Kirk Nakamura.

This online workshop is held by the Court's Self-Help Services and aims to explain what Probate Notes are, why Probate Notes must be cleared for a case to move forward, and how to clear Probate Notes. Before the pandemic, this workshop was conducted in-person. The new virtual workshop is part of the Court's **“Safe Access to Justice”** initiative, which is designed to keep the Court and the community safe during this unprecedented pandemic.

The workshop is held every Monday at 9 a.m. and consists of a 35-minute presentation and a 30-minute question and answer period. At the end of the workshop attendees are given instructions on accessing one-on-one support with Self-Help Services. Court customers must always keep in mind that Self-Help Services can provide procedural information but cannot provide legal advice.

**Access to the workshop is free of charge and participants attend by using [Microsoft Teams](#) from home. Step by step instructions and technical support will be provided.** Members of the public wishing to register, can email [SelfHelpProbate@occourts.org](mailto:SelfHelpProbate@occourts.org) or call (657) 622-7170. Please be ready to provide your case number, name, hearing date, and contact information. Space is limited.

The Court is continually working on providing **Safe Access to Justice** and would like to remind everyone that **the use of facemasks or face coverings is mandatory for anyone entering a courthouse.** Exemptions issued by anyone other than the Court will not be honored. For Court ADA accommodations and exclusions, please email [Adainformation@occourts.org](mailto:Adainformation@occourts.org) or visit this web page <http://www.occourts.org/directory/ada/>. **Social distancing rules will also be strictly enforced in all facilities;** thus, the number of individuals entering public courtrooms and elevators will be subject to space limitations. **Persons displaying possible coronavirus symptoms will not be allowed in Court facilities.**



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