



Chambers of
KIRK NAKAMURA
PRESIDING JUDGE

Superior Court of California County of Orange

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Administrative Order No. 20/07

SECOND AMENDED PROBATE ORDER REGARDING COURT CLOSURE

Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code section 68115, at the Court's request California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye has issued emergency orders permitting significant reduction of services to the public, with minimal exceptions, from March 17, 2020 through April 24, 2020. In addition, the Chief Justice issued an advisory on March 20, 2020 calling for the suspension of all probate trials, hearings, and proceedings for at least 60 days, with the exception of time-sensitive matters.

Therefore, the Court declares that all dates from 3/17/2020 to 4/24/2020 are holidays for purposes of computing time for filings papers with the Court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a. (Gov. Code § 68115(a)(4)). In addition, all hearing dates on any probate case set during the next 60 days are deemed vacated and will be reset for a date beyond 60 days with notice to all parties.

The Court further orders:

Special letters of administration, temporary letters of guardianship, temporary letters of conservatorship, and interim trustee appointments which may otherwise expire during this time period are extended until a date to be determined when the hearing is reset. Notice will be provided to all parties.

All expiring LPS Letters of Conservatorship are extended until April 27, 2020 or to the earliest available date thereafter upon which hearing may be scheduled as to any pending reappointment petition. Acts by a conservator which may occur beyond the expiration period and prior to hearing on the reappointment petition are permitted pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5363 and will be considered for ratification at the time of hearing.

Although hearings may continue to display as calendared in electronic online case access, no hearings will be conducted during the closure period.

The court continues to assess possibility of increasing services and conducting remote hearings for matters that are not time-sensitive and will distribute information accordingly as those decisions are made.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 8th day of APRIL 2020, at Santa Ana California.

Kirk H. Nakamura
Presiding Judge