



Probate Available Trials (PAT)

April 1, 2025

OVERVIEW

Starting April 1, 2025, the Probate Division will implement a Master Calendar process for trials. Unless otherwise directed by the court, any trial date set after April 1st will be managed through the Master Calendar. During this process, a judicial officer will evaluate whether a matter is ready to proceed to trial and assign it accordingly.

Requirements

The Probate Bench requires the submission of the new *Master Calendar Trial Statement (Probate)* form (# L-[3041](#)). While the *Master Calendar Trial Statement (Probate)* form will not be mandatory until July 1, 2025 (in compliance with Local Rule 601.24), the court strongly encourages all parties to file that form at least five (5) court days prior to the Master Calendar trial date for matters scheduled before July 1st. Please also note, the updated *Settlement Conference Statement*, (#L-[3040](#)) is required immediately (per Local Rule 316).

EXISTING TRIALS

Existing trial dates will be honored for trials already scheduled. However, the option is available, upon agreement by all parties/counsel, to transition trials into the Master Calendar process. If the Master Calendar process is selected, the court will consider vacating the existing trial date(s) and re-setting the matter on the Master Calendar.

BENEFITS MOVING FORWARD

When a trial is at issue, it will be placed on the Probate Master Calendar to be scheduled at the next available opening. If a courtroom experiences a last-minute change or another trial settles, PAT will provide a list of cases ready to fill the open spot. Utilizing a master calendar will enable the Probate Bench to hear more trials throughout the year.

QUESTIONS:

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