

Updates on Procedures and Miscellaneous News

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MCR 2.602(B)(3) – Objections

The Oakland County Probate Court will no longer be charging a fee for the filing of objections to orders submitted pursuant to MCR 2.602(B)(3). Objections to proposed orders submitted pursuant to this court rule, as well as all items required to be submitted with them, should be submitted directly to the judge's chambers. Objections to seven-day orders will no longer be accepted for filing at the Probate service counter.

Subpoenas

The procedure regarding the processing of subpoenas has been modified. Effective immediately, any subpoena that requires a judge's signature must be submitted directly to the judge's chambers for review. We will no longer be processing subpoenas at the Probate service counter. Please note that this specifically includes any subpoena being requested by an in pro per party.

4/40 Work Week

Just a reminder that the Oakland County Probate Court moved to a pilot 4/40 work week the first week of September. The pilot is currently scheduled to run through the end of this calendar year. All Probate employees participating in the 4/40 week have Monday off. As a result of the program, service hours at the Probate service counter have been extended. Our current hours are:

Monday: 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

If you have multiple or unusual filings, you may wish to keep in mind that we have a smaller staff available on Mondays.

Please note that court hours remain 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have something that requires a judge's review to complete, we will not be able to submit it for review after 4:30 p.m. and it will be submitted the next business day.

MCR 8.126 – Temporary Admission to the Bar

MCR 8.126, a new court rule, along with changes to MCR 9.108 and Rule 15 of the Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan, became effective on September 1, 2008. The new rule governs pro hoc vice appearances in Michigan courts by out-of-state attorneys. While it is not especially common, there are occasions when this issue may arise in probate practice. Please be sure to review the new rule and associated revisions thoroughly if you are asked to move for an out-of-state attorney's admission pro hoc vice.

Guardianship Review Training

On November 21, 2008, the Oakland County Probate Court will be holding a training session for all new volunteers who wish to assist the court in its responsibility to perform regular reviews of guardianships. The court is required to conduct a review within the first year of an adult guardianship being established, and every three years after that. In minor guardianships, the court must conduct a review each year where the ward is under age six. If you know someone who may be interested in volunteering to be a reviewer, please have them contact Carol Esher, Case Management Coordinator, at 248-858-0288.

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