

CITY OF PAWTUCKET PAWTUCKET CITY HALL 137 ROOSEVELT AVENUE PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND 02860

Donald R. Grebien Mayor Cristine L. McBurney Probate Judge

March 18, 2020

To all Probate Practitioners:

As you know, Pawtucket Probate Court is now closed to the public for the time being. This directive currently remains in effect until April 17, 2020.

REGULAR COURT SESSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:

All cases will be reviewed by the by the Court in advance of its regularly scheduled hearing dates for determining whether they can be handled by the Court on the date scheduled with or without the necessity of video conference and/or telephonic conferencing.

On those matters, which are formal and require no testimony the Court will notify the parties involved. They may choose to attend Court by video conferencing and/or telephonic conferencing or have this requirement waived by the Court.

Of those matters determined by the Court to require testimony by the parties, the Court will notify the attorney or fiduciary of record in advance with a new trial date subsequent to May 1, 2020.

All matters heard by the Court remain open to the public by video conferencing and/or telephonic conferencing upon prior request and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 20-05 dated March 16, 2020 and the Supreme Court Executive Order No. 2020-04

EMERGENCY MATTERS WILL BE CONDUCTED, AS FOLLOWS:

All appropriate documents must be filed and processed by the Pawtucket Probate Court Clerk's Office in advance. This can be accomplished initially by emailing all documents to <u>shammond@pawtucketri.com</u> or currently by appearance at the City Clerk's Office (All original documents must subsequently be filed in the City Clerk's Office).

Prior to or thereafter, the attorney of record (or fiduciary) is to call my office at (401) 722-0800 for telephonic conference and instruction on the procedure to be followed.

During this time and for so long as the pandemic remains in effect and the Court remains healthy, the Court is available for procedural inquiries on all matters affecting the Court.

The Court remains dedicated to the continuation of public service in these novel times.

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Cristine L. McBurney Pawtucket Probate Judge