

## MBA PROBATE BENCH-BAR COMMITTEE MEETING

Overview from March 9, 2026

Location: Zoom

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Notes from the meeting:

- Judge Davis provided the following information:
  - The judicial rotation will occur at the end of July. As yet, judicial assignments are unknown.
  - Discussions are occurring with the Chief Judge about electronic submission of bills for GALs and Doctors
  - Mindfulness Sessions are occurring every Wednesday in March in Judge Davis' Courtroom between 12:15p-12:45p
- Commissioner Hemmer provided the following information:
  - The renovation of the Probate Office has been delayed until May and may be delayed further. When that renovation occurs, probate services will temporarily relocate to Room 308, but for now probate services continue in Room 207.
  - Updates/revisions to the WATTS scheduling is ongoing
- Judge Van Grunsven provided suggestions about the ethics portion for the upcoming Bond Surcharge CLE, specifically regarding (1) how an attorney proceeds when they have knowledge of potential wrongdoing on the part of their client/PR, (2) how judges proceed when making inquiries of PRs who may have committed a crime when performing their duties as PR, and (3) Do former PRs have a right to counsel. Attorneys Eberhardy and Donkersgoed will figure out how to address these issues as part of the upcoming CLE.
- CLE: June 12, 2026, 1-4p, Judgment and Bond Surcharges in Guardianship and Probate Cases
- The next Bench-Bar Meeting via Zoom will be on Monday, May 11 at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sara L. Eberhardy