

PROBATE BENCH-BAR COMMITTEE MEETING

Overview from April 14, 2020

Location: Zoom

Notes from the meeting:

- The procedures for court proceedings with respect to Chapters 51, 54, and 55 will be published and subsequently forwarded to this group.
- Waivers are key documents for the opening and closing of estates; please obtain them from all interested parties.
- Temporary guardianship hearings are currently being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Permanent guardianship hearings may not be held because of the various in-person statutory requirements.
- The judges are looking for ways to keep cases moving and getting them closed; they want to avoid calendar congestion when Safer at Home is no longer in effect.
- Zoom hearings are to be used whenever possible, if all interested parties may be heard using this technique.
- For any hearings scheduled via Zoom, the clerk will send the passcode and other information necessary for participation.
- If you have questions or problems, please reach out to the court via the clerks.
- The deadline for guardianship accountings has been unofficially extended through the end of the month; there is no need to petition for an extension until then.
- Please exercise caution in using innovative techniques for the execution of documents such as wills; what the current judges may find acceptable now may not be what the judges a decade from now will find acceptable.
- Next Bench-Bar Meeting via Zoom will be on May 11th at noon.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Shue