



**PROBATE COURT
OF COBB COUNTY**

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Greetings,

On March 14, 2020, Chief Justice Melton issued an Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency and Amended Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency (collectively "Order") for Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62.

Pursuant to the Order and in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare; the Probate Court of Cobb County will remain open and will conduct all essential functions listed below, with a limited staff. All non-essential matters will, by separate order, be canceled, rescheduled, or conducted by alternative methods for the duration of the judicial emergency. Amended hearing notices will be sent to all parties with remaining matters after the judicial emergency.

The following are designated as the essential functions of the **Cobb Probate Court**:

- Proceedings under O.C.G.A. §§ 29-4-14 and 29-5-14 *et seq.* (Emergency guardianship/conservatorship Petitions)
- Proceedings under O.C.G.A. §§ 29-4-1 and 29-5-1 *et seq.* (Permanent guardianships/conservatorships with accusations of abuse, neglect, or harm)
- Other legitimate emergency petitions or motions
- Medical consent guardianships (which are expected to increase)
- All proceeding in the Probate Court pertaining to or resulting from actions identified in Title 31, and Title 37
- Pending Citations for mismanagement by fiduciaries.
- Marriage licenses **by appointment only**.

Please visit probatecourt@cobbcounty.org or call 770-528-1931 to make an appointment.

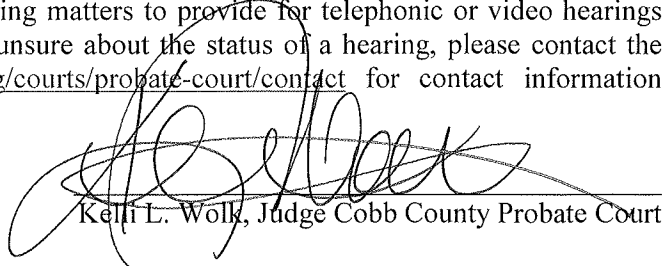
(NOTE: we would request any parties wishing to obtain a marriage license for future or unscheduled wedding ceremonies delay application during the heightened risk period. To reduce crowds and contact, we ask that you ONLY bring the parties to apply.)

Please visit <https://www.cobbcounty.org/courts/probate-court/marriage-licenses> to complete the application form prior to your arrival.

We would like to encourage all attorneys and self-represented litigants to conduct business with the Court via mail as often as possible rather than filing pleadings or other documents in person with the Court. Court personnel is not able to provide legal advice. There is a drop box for delivery of filings to the lobby. There will be no in person meetings with Court staff during the emergency. Discussions will be done by phone or email to limit contact.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 15-9-60(d), attorneys and self-represented litigants will be able to submit an initial thirty (\$30.00) deposit to file non-emergency actions. A subsequent order will be entered specifying the fees due to process the filing and a date by which such fees must be paid, or the action will stand dismissed.

The Court will be issuing amended orders on currently pending matters to provide for telephonic or video hearings where possible and rescheduling where impractical. If you are unsure about the status of a hearing, please contact the Court at 770-528-1900 or go to <https://www.cobbcounty.org/courts/probate-court/contact> for contact information particular to your case.



Kelli L. Wolk, Judge Cobb County Probate Court