

# Probate

## Locations

- Central Courthouse
- North County Regional Center



In-person services previously available, including in-person hearings and in-person investigations in guardianship and conservatorships, will resume at a later date.

Probate hearings are currently heard via CourtCall. Effective November 2, 2020, probate hearings will be heard via Microsoft Teams.

Visit [sdcourt.ca.gov/Probate](https://sdcourt.ca.gov/Probate) for more information.

E-Filing for Probate matters is available. Find more information at the Probate e-Filing link at [sdcourt.ca.gov/Probate](https://sdcourt.ca.gov/Probate).

General services available:

- Remote investigations (telephone/video) in guardianship and conservatorship cases
- Setting ex parte matters per the standard department guidelines
- Examining and posting Probate Notes to the San Diego Superior Court website for matters with a future hearing date
- All regularly scheduled hearings (guardianships, conservatorships, decedent's estates, trusts, etc.)
- All hearings are currently conducted via telephone/video using [CourtCall](#), including trials and contested hearings. Effective Nov. 2, 2020, all Probate matters will be conducted via Microsoft Teams telephone/video conference. *No personal appearances are allowed until further notice*

Probate Business Office in-person services:

- Process copy requests and certifications. Exemplifications must be dropped in the Drop Box or mailed only
- Accept and file ex parte petitions/applications and set hearings
- Answer questions and provide forms over the counter
- All other items to be filed should be submitted via the Drop Box, mail or e-Filing

## **Self-Help Services for Guardianship and Conservatorship Cases**

Court-based legal service providers including the Family Law Facilitator (FLF) and Legal Aid Society of San Diego (LASSD) offer remote assistance by phone and video conference during the pandemic. **You are encouraged to seek assistance from a legal service provider before visiting the courthouse.** Providers are attorneys and legal professionals who can explain procedures and prepare your forms. Services are provided at no cost.

### **Family Law Facilitator – Guardianship Cases**

Guardianship workshops are being conducted by video conference (Zoom) twice weekly (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

- Register Online: [iflow.sdcourt.ca.gov](https://iflow.sdcourt.ca.gov)
- Register by Phone: 619-844-2869

### **Legal Aid Society of San Diego (LASSD) – Conservatorship Cases**

Remote assistance is available by phone and video conference. LASSD will prepare your forms and email them to you for filing

- 877-534-2524, Ext. 2844

## **Legal Services for Probate Guardianship of the Person:**

If you are seeking or objecting to guardianship, seeking to terminate a guardianship, or seeking visitation or other orders in a guardianship, and are low income, you may qualify for assistance through the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program.

### **San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program (SDVLP)**

Remote assistance is available by phone and video conference. SDVLP will prepare your forms and mail or email them to you to print at home, or SDVLP can e-file your forms with the court

- 619-235-5656, Ext. 111
- Apply for assistance online by filling out the Guardianship Legal Assistance Request Form at [sdvlp.org](https://sdvlp.org)