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**IN THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE/DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
(PROBATE DIVISION)**

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RICHARD R. ROOKER Clerk
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**ORDER INDEFINITELY CONTINUING PROBATE MASTER DOCKET UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE AND RESETTING HEARINGS**

Pursuant to the March 25, 2020 Order issued by the Supreme Court of Tennessee, “[a]ll in-person proceedings in all state and local courts in Tennessee ... shall be suspended from the close of business on Friday, March 13, 2020, through Thursday, April 30, 2020” subject to certain exceptions. Accordingly, this Court hereby issues this blanket order pending further orders from this Court.

The Probate Master’s Wednesday docket at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 510 has been indefinitely continued until further notice. All hearings will be reset to a later date by the Court, subject to the following:

1. **Exception Hearings and Fee Disputes:** All exception hearings before the Probate Master including exceptions to claims, objection to inventories and accountings, fee disputes, etc. are continued indefinitely. Upon the lifting of the Supreme Court order, attorneys shall be responsible for contacting the Court for a new hearing date and shall file a notice of hearing when the new date is acquired;
2. **Show Cause Hearings:**
 - a. If the accounting, inventory, bond or annual status report that resulted in the issuance of the show cause is filed prior to the originally scheduled hearing date, the show cause will be stricken. Otherwise, the Court will reset the show cause hearing once the Court resumes its regular operations.

b. For conservatorship and guardianship matters where a show cause hearing was issued for failure to file an annual status report, if service was returned not found or unclaimed and the annual status report has not been filed by the end of business on the originally scheduled hearing date, the Probate Master shall send the case to the Office of Conservatorship Management and the hearing shall be stricken;

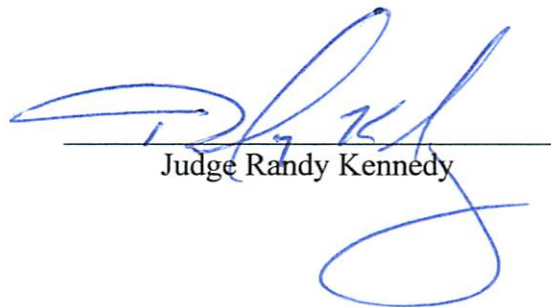
3. Review Hearings:

- a. For review hearings where documentation was requested but attendance was not required if the documentation was filed prior to the review hearing date, the review hearing will be stricken if the documentation is filed prior to the originally scheduled hearing date. The Probate Master will review the documentation submitted for compliance and either approve the accounting as supplemented or set a second review hearing at a later date. If the documentation is not filed by the originally scheduled hearing date, the Court will reset the hearing once the Court resumes its regular operations; and
- b. For review hearings where attendance was REQUIRED, the Court will reset the hearing date once the Court resumes its regular operations.

4. Bond Review Hearings: All bonds will be set by the inventory filed in estate matters and by the inventory and property management plans filed in conservatorship and guardianship matters. All inventories and property management plans shall be filed before the originally scheduled hearing date.

It is **SO ORDERED**.

Entered this the 27th day of March, 2020.



Judge Randy Kennedy