

Getting Your Probate Matter Approved

There are several resources that may help you get your probate matter approved by the court: Probate Notes, Finding an Attorney, and Self-Help Resources.

Probate Notes

Probate notes summarize what your petition requests and anything that may prevent the court from granting the request. They are initially created or updated at least 10 court days before the hearing, and are finalized 3 court days before the hearing.

Probate Notes often have the following sections: (1) Recommendation, (2) Requests, (3) Deficiencies, (4) Questions, and (5) Proposed Order. “Requests” summarize the petition, any filed objections, and required findings or future hearings. “Deficiencies” identify information that is missing or inaccurate in the petition and related documents. “Questions” are issues that must be decided by the Judge.

Where to find them

You can find the probate notes for your case on our [court website](#), using a [case number search](#).

How to use them

You must file the appropriate documents to eliminate any deficiencies at least 4 court days before the hearing. If your deficiencies remain, your hearing may be postponed by a continuance. After two continuances, your matter may be denied. Local Rule 7109(B).

Questions about them

If you have questions about the probate notes for your case, please email probate.examiners@riverside.courts.ca.gov

Finding an Attorney

The Riverside County Bar Association provides a [lawyer referral service](#), which for a \$40 referral fee provides up to one half-hour consultation with an attorney: (951) 682-7520.

The California State Bar website (calbar.ca.gov) provides [a list of attorneys in Riverside County who are certified as specialists in Estate Planning, Trust, and Probate Law](#) by the Board of Legal Specialization.

Self-Help Resources

Internet

Using the internet, you can access the [California Probate Code](#), [California Rules of Court](#), [Riverside County Local Rules](#), [California Forms](#), and [Riverside County Forms](#).

Riverside County Law Library

The [Riverside County Law Library](#) provides free access to the resources listed above in book format, as well as numerous books that provide sample forms and explanation of the law and related procedures.

3989 Lemon Street Riverside, CA 92501 951-368-0368 Monday through Saturday	82-995 US Highway 111, Suite 102 Indio, CA 92201 760-848-7151 Monday through Friday	30600 Pauba Road Temecula, CA 92592 951-693-8902 Every day
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Court Self-Help Information Centers

If you are not represented by an attorney, the court's [Self-Help Information Centers](#) provide computers that can be used to complete legal documents, conduct research, and access court records. They also provide form packets, brochures, and access to a library of self-help books. Hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Riverside Self-Help Center 3535 10th Street - 2nd floor (Map) Riverside, CA. 92501	Southwest Justice Center 30755-D Auld Road Murrieta, CA. 92563	Larson Justice Center 46-200 Oasis Street Indio, CA. 92201
Hemet Court 880 N. State Street Hemet, CA. 92543	Blythe Court 265 N. Broadway Blythe, CA. 92225	Banning Justice Center 311 E. Ramsey Street Banning, CA. 92220

Assistance

If you need help with your case and are not represented by an attorney, you may be able to obtain assistance from one of the following resources:

Name of Resource	Organization	Format	Frequency	Only Low-Income*	Location
Accounting Clinic	Riverside Legal Aid	Workshop	Monthly (must register)	No	Riverside 951-682-7968
Guardianship Clinic	Riverside Legal Aid	Individual	Twice Monthly	Yes	Riverside, Temecula, Indio
Probate Self-Help Assistance	Superior Court	Individual	Monthly / Twice Monthly / Appointment	No	Riverside , Murrieta , Banning , Indio (see above)
Guardianship or Conservatorship Assistance	Riverside Legal Aid	Individual	Appointment	Yes	Riverside 951-682-7968, Indio 760-347-9456
Decedent's Estate Clinic	Riverside Legal Aid	Individual	Twice Monthly	Yes	Riverside, Temecula, Indio 760-347-9456

*The Riverside Legal Aid services with a "Yes" in this column are only available if your income is less than the poverty level as defined by Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Riverside Legal Aid is located at 4129 Main St., Suite 101, Riverside, CA 92501, and at 32-632-C Highway 111, Indio, CA 92201.