

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

**Proposed Local Rule Changes
Title 7 – Probate
Effective July 1, 2026**

**RULE 7109
CONTINUANCES**

~~A. Generally: Prior to the hearing on uncontested matters, Counsel or a self-represented party may request a continuance of at least three weeks by emailing the Probate Examiners at least four court days prior to the hearing. The email must indicate that the party requesting the continuance has notified all parties entitled to notice of the hearing and any other interested persons for whom they have reason to know may attend the hearing of the request for continuance.~~

~~The Court will rule on the request at the time of hearing. Requested hearing dates will be considered at the hearing, but a different date may be set depending on the number of matters already set on Calendar.~~

~~If a party or client appears at the hearing, and represents that he or she was not notified of the Request, the Court may issue an Order to Show Cause why the requesting party should not be sanctioned for failing to notify the affected party/client of the requested continuance.~~

~~Email requests will not be taken on contested matters and Orders to Show Cause.~~

B.A. Matters Not Approved. At the call of the calendar, if the matter is not ready for hearing, it will be continued for at least four (4) weeks, unless good cause is shown otherwise. Any matter continued two (2) times may be ordered off calendar or denied.

C.B. Objections to Matters Recommended for Approval. At the call of the calendar if petitioner is not present and the matter has been recommended for approval by the probate examiners:

1. If objection or exception is taken to the matter, the Court shall continue the matter to allow for the filing of written objections or exceptions and the giving of notice thereof to petitioner, or
2. If the Court proposes to make a change in the relief prayed for, the matter shall be continued and petitioner shall be notified of the continuance and proposed change by the minute order.

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RULE 7301

RELATIVE AND NON-RELATIVE GUARDIANSHIPS OF THE PERSON AND/OR ESTATE

A. Guardianship of the Person

1. Upon filing of a petition for appointment of guardian of the person or petition for termination of guardianship of the person, the petitioner or the petitioner's attorney shall furnish to the Clerk a completed copy of the following local forms:
 - One form for each Guardian/Parent:
 - Social History of Guardian / Parent, Local Form RI-PR092
 - Employment Verification and Consent, Local Form RI-PR093
 - Three forms for each Guardian/Parent:
 - Character Reference Questionnaire, Local Form RI-PR094
 - One form for each Minor:
 - Social History of Minor, Local Form RI-PR095
 - School Report, Local Form RI-PR096
2. When a referral is made to the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services under Probate Code 1513(b), the investigation otherwise required by Probate Code section 1513(a) for a proposed guardian who is a relative is waived unless ordered by the court.
3. If the surviving parent(s) has not been personally served with a copy of a petition for appointment of guardian in the proceeding and does not appear at any hearing on a petition for appointment of guardian of the person, the petitioner shall file with the court a certified informational copy of the birth certificate for the proposed ward unless this requirement is waived by the court. The clerk shall file the birth certificate as a confidential document that is only available to the court absent a court order releasing the document. After imaging, the clerk shall forward the original to the local police or sheriff's department with jurisdiction over the residence of the proposed guardian. The police or sheriff's department shall check with the National Crime Information Center Missing Person System to ascertain whether the child has been reported missing or is the victim of an abduction and shall report the results of the check to the court.

B. Guardianship of the Estate

When a petition requests appointment of a guardian of the estate only, the investigation otherwise required by Probate Code section 1513 is waived

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C. Confidentiality

1. The ~~Employment Verification and Consent, Local Form RI-PR093~~, Character Reference Questionnaire, Local Form RI-PR094, and School Report, Local Form RI-PR096 are used by the court and / or by the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services to prepare reports under Probate Code 1513 or as ordered by the court. The forms and the information contained on the forms are confidential. They shall only be made available to persons who have been served in the proceedings or their attorneys. The clerk of the court shall make provisions to limit access to these documents exclusively to persons entitled to receipt.
2. The [Employment Verification and Consent, Local Form RI-PR093, DPSS – Guardianship Information Sheet, Local Form RI-PR109, DPSS / CPS Referral \(Internal Local Form PR-DPSSREF1513B\)](#), Social History of Guardian / Parent, Local Form RI-PR092 and Social History of Minor, Local Form RI-PR095 are used by the court and / or by the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services to prepare reports under Probate Code 1513 or as ordered by the court. The forms contain personal identifiers and are confidential. They shall not be released to any party or their attorney absent a court order. The clerk must maintain these forms in a manner that will protect and preserve their confidentiality.
3. The information on the Confidential Cohabitant Screening Form, Local Form RI-PR040 is used by the court and by persons or agencies designated by the court to supervise the placement and care of minors under guardianship. The form and the information obtained on the form are confidential and shall not be released to any party or their attorney absent a court order. The clerk must maintain these forms in a manner that will protect and preserve their confidentiality.
4. The results of the screening by the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services required by Probate Code 1516 are confidential. They shall only be made available to court-appointed counsel for the ward, or the person who is the subject of the screening results or their attorney. The clerk of the court shall make provisions to limit access to the results exclusively to persons entitled to receipt.
5. Confidential information from the California Law Enforcement

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Telecommunications System obtained by the Probate Investigator to complete the investigation required by Probate Code 1513(a) shall be in a separate attachment to the investigation report. It shall only be made available to court- appointed counsel for the ward, or the person who is the subject of the screening results or their attorney. The clerk of the court shall make provision to limit access to the results exclusively to persons entitled to receipt.