



# YOUR MICHIGAN PROBATE TIMELINE: What To Expect?

## PHASE 1 1-4 MONTHS

### Getting Started



#### ► Filing Papers

File Petition for Probate

*1-2 months*

#### ► First Hearing

Court Appoints Representative

*2-3 months*

#### ► Official Approval

Receive Letters of Authority

*2-4 months*

## PHASE 2 2-8 MONTHS

### Notifying Others & Valuing Assets



#### ► Notice to Creditors

4-month creditor claim window

*2-4 months*

#### ► MDHHS Notice

Notify Medicaid (Michigan law)

*2-4 months*

#### ► Inventory & Valuation

Complete within 91 days  
(Michigan requirement)

*4-8 months*

## PHASE 3 6-15 MONTHS

### Paying Debts & Taxes



#### ► Tax Review & Payments

Settle federal/state estate taxes

*6-12 months*

#### ► Creditor Claims

Review and Pay Debts

*6-15 months*

#### ► Early Distributions (if possible)

Preliminary money to heirs

*6-15 months*

## PHASE 4 6-18 MONTHS

### Wrapping Things Up



#### ► Final Tax Clearance

Official IRS and State clearance

*6-18 months*

#### ► Request Court Closure

File Final Distribution Petition

*8-16 months*

#### ► Final Court Hearing & Distribution

Court approval and asset distribution

*9-17 months*

#### ► Official Closure

Receive Final Discharge Order

*9-18 months*

#### ► Final Money Distribution

Assets given to heirs

*9-18 months*

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