



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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