



IN THE PROBATE COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO
ROBERT G. MONTGOMERY, JUDGE

FILED #41
APR 15 2020
Robert G. Montgomery, Judge
Franklin County Probate Court

IN THE MATTER OF :
COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY : CASE No. 603535
AND COURT OPERATIONS :

JOURNAL ENTRY AND COURT ORDER DEEMING ALL ENTRIES APPROVING INVENTORIES
ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 9, 2020 TO BE INTERIM APPROVALS

With the signing of Am.Sub.H.B. No. 197 on March 27, 2020, all statutory timelines and limitations set to expire from March 9, 2020, until the end of the public health crisis or July 30, 2020, have been tolled.

Fiduciary inventory deadlines are statutory timelines, set pursuant to R.C. 2115.01, *et seq.* Accordingly, all such deadlines have been tolled. Due to the volume of cases processed through the Franklin County Probate Court, however, certain court-issued filings have been automated consistent with the timelines set forth in to R.C. 2115.01, *et seq.* Therefore, any entry approving an inventory issued on or after March 9, 2020, through the end of the tolling period set by Am.Sub.H.B. No. 197 or any subsequent amendments to Am.Sub.H.B. No. 197, is hereby deemed an **INTERIM APPROVAL** of the inventory.

Each entry approving an inventory that is deemed an interim approval pursuant to this Court Order shall become a **FINAL APPROVAL** on the corresponding date following the end of the tolling period set by Am.Sub.H.B. No. 197 or any subsequent amendments to Am.Sub.H.B. No. 197. The tolling legislation temporarily pauses any statutory due dates and time periods. Once the tolling period ends, the time remaining for filings shall begin to run again.

Pursuant to R.C. 2115.16, anyone wishing to file exceptions to an inventory must do so at least five days prior to the hearing on the inventory. This deadline has also been tolled by Am.Sub.H.B. No. 197. Therefore, anyone wishing to file exceptions to an inventory for which an


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entry approving the inventory has been deemed an interim approval, must timely file a motion for rehearing of the inventory, which shall be granted by the court. Such motion must be filed on or before the expiration of the new deadline and before the entry becomes a final approval.

This order shall remain in effect only for the duration of the present COVID-19 pandemic.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 4-15-20


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Probate Judge

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