

## DEBBIE WADE PROBATE JUDGE OF TROUP COUNTY

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## **NOTICE**

Please be advised that there will be temporary changes in our delivery of services as we continue to keep abreast of CDC recommendations regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic. On March 14, 2020 an Order declaring statewide "Judicial Emergency" was entered by Chief Justice Harold D. Melton of the Georgia Supreme Court. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 38-3-60 et seq., see O.C.G.A. 38-3-60 (2) which suspends, tolls, extends and otherwise grants relief from all deadlines.

This Statewide Judicial Emergency shall terminate on April 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. unless otherwise extended.

As a result, please be advised that there will be temporary changes in our delivery of services. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, OUR OFFICE WILL BE SUSPENDING OUR "WALK IN" POLICY AND WILL ACCEPT ESSENTIAL MATTERS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY BY CALLING 706-883-1690.

Emergency matters include, but are not limited to:

- Petition for Emergency Guardianship of an Adult
- Petitions for Guardianship or Conservatorship of minors with accusations of abuse, neglect or harm or an emergency situation
- Other legitimate emergency petitions or motions
- Involuntary treatment/mental health hearings
- Order to Apprehend (commonly referred to as 1013)

• Issuance of marriage licenses where either party to the marriage is a resident of Georgia and the wedding will take place in Troup County or a marriage license where no delay is possible (such as already scheduled ceremonies)

Many of our services continue to be available online, by mail and email. Please check our website at <a href="www.troupcountyga.org/courts/probate">www.troupcountyga.org/courts/probate</a> for the most current information. Our emails are <a href="dwade@troupco.org">dwade@troupco.org</a>, <a href="ktucker@troupco.org">ktucker@troupco.org</a>, aveal@troupco.org, trutledge@troupco.org.

If you have questions or an emergency matter please call us at 706-883-1690.

If you are currently a Troup County Georgia Weapons Carry License Holder and your permit is set to expire during the time period above your license will remain in effect during the emergency period. The renewal period will be 30 days after the Statewide Judicial Emergency ends. No new licenses can be applied for during the emergency period.

If you need any certified copies of marriage certificates, letters of probate matters or guardianships please call or email our office and we will work to get you the paperwork you need in a timely manner.

Please be advised we will continue to accept probate filings through the mail. Please contact the chief clerk, Karen Tucker, by phone or email and we will provide instructions on carrying out all probate matters.

We appreciate your patience as we navigate this unprecedented situation to aid in the fight against further spread of this virus.

Debbie Wade, Judge

**Troup County Probate Court** 

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