PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AND AMENDED LOCAL RULES

In accordance with Ohio Civ.R. 83(B), notice is hereby given of the proposed amendments and enactments to the Local Rules of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, which are proposed to become effective on December 1, 2026.

The following is a list of the proposed rule enactments and amendments. The proposed amendments address either the renumbering of existing Local Rules and/or substantive changes to the existing rules. The full text of each proposed rule or amendment is available on the Cuyahoga County Probate Court website.

Written comments regarding the proposed rules and amendments may be submitted for consideration to Courtney Verardi, Staff Attorney to Judge Anthony J. Russo and Judge Laura J. Gallagher, Cuyahoga County Probate Court, 1 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, on or before November 23, 2026.

Current Local Rule Number	**Proposed Local Rule Number**
	Rule 3.03 – Court Technology Plan, Appendix A*
Rule 5 - Reporting to Law Enforcement and Compliance Plan	Rule 3.04 - Reporting to Law Enforcement and Compliance Plan
Rule 8.1 - Court Appointments	Rule 4.31 - Court Appointments
Rule 8.2 - Special Process Server	Rule 4.1 - Special Process Server**
Rule 9.1 – Security	Rule 14.10 – Security Policy; Firearms and Dangerous Ordinance Prohibition***
Rule 9.2 - Security Policy; Firearms and Dangerous Ordnance Prohibition	Repealed (incorporated into Rule 14.10)
Rule 11 - Recordings of Proceedings	Rule 10 - Recordings of Proceedings
Rule 16 – Mediation	Rule 6 – Mediation**
Rule 36 - Assignment of Cases	Rule 5 - Assignment of Cases
Rule 45 - Documents Filed Under Seal	Rule 11.14 - Documents Filed Under Seal
Rule 53 - Hours of the Court	Rule 73.4 - Hours of the Court
Rule 54 - General Decorum	Rule 73.5 - General Decorum**
Rule 57 - Filings	Rule 73.8 - Filings
Rule 57.1 - Probate Court E-File System	Rule 73.81 - Probate Court E-File System
Rule 57.2 - Electronically Signed Documents	Rule 73.82 - Electronically Signed Documents
	Rule 73.9 – Deposit for Court Costs*
Rule 58.2 - Additional Fees	Rule 73.9 - Additional Fees***
Rule 64.1 - Inventory	Rule 73.15 - Inventory

Rule 64.2 - Accounts	Rule 73.151 - Accounts
Rule 64.3- Accounts	Rule 73.152- Accounts
Rule 64.4 - Accounts	Rule 73.153 - Accounts
Rule 66.03 - Guardianship	Rule 8.33 – Guardianship**
Rule 66.08 - Guardianship Annual Plan/Registration	Rule 8.38 - Guardianship Annual Plan/Registration**
Rule 66.1 - Guardian's Report	Rule 8.381 - Guardian's Report
Rule 66.2 - Guardian's Report	Repealed
Rule 66.3 - Guardians of Adult Wards	Rule 8.382 – Guardian Deposit of Ward's Will
Rule 66.4 - Guardian of Estate – Bonding	Rule 8.383 - Guardian of Estate – Bonding
Rule 71.01 - Attorney Fees	Rule 73.21 - Attorney Fees
Rule 71.1 - Attorney Fees For Decedent's Estate Filed on or After July 1, 2026	Rule 73.211 - Attorney Fees for Decedent's Estate Filed on or After July 1, 2026**
Rule 71.1 - Attorney Fees For Decedent's Estate after 8-1-2017	Rule 73.211 - Attorney Fees for Decedent's Estate after 8-1-2017**
Rule 71.1 - Attorney Fees For Decedent's Estate Prior to 8-1-2017	Rule 73.211 - Attorney Fees for Decedent's Estate Prior to 8-1-2017**
Rule 71.2 - Counsel Fees	Rule 73.212 - Attorney Fees for Wrongful Death***
Rule 71.3 - Attorney Fees for Guardianship, Trust, Adoption	Rule 73.213 - Attorney Fees for Guardianship, Trust, Adoption
Rule 71.4 - Appointed Counsel for Indigent Guardianships	Rule 73.214 - Appointed Counsel for Indigent Guardianships
Rule 71.5 - Appointed Counsel for Involuntary Civil Commitments	Rule 73.215 - Appointed Counsel for Involuntary Civil Commitments
Rule 73 - Guardian's Compensation	Rule 73.23 - Guardian's Compensation
Rule 74 - Trustee's Compensation	Rule 73.24 - Trustee's Compensation***
Rule 78.1 - Case Management	Rule 3.02 - Case Management
Rule 78.2 - Fiduciary's Affidavit of Notice of Admission of Will to Probate	Rule 73.05 - Fiduciary's Affidavit of Notice of Admission of Will to Probate
Rule 78.3 - Jury Management Plan	Rule 3.021 - Jury Management Plan***
Rule 78.4 - Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care	Rule 8.1 - Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care
Rule 79.01 - Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program	Rule 8.25 - Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program

* Indicates that the Probate Court Local Rule will become effective. For the full text of each proposed effective rule, please visit the Cuyahoga County Probate Court Website.

** Indicates amendments to the Probate Court Local Rule, Rules of Superintendence, or Ohio Civil Rules of Procedure numbers referenced in the Local Rule, with no substantive amendments to the Local Rule itself:

- **Rule 4.1 – Special Process Server:** Reference to Local Rule 8.2 will be amended to Local Rule 4.1
- **Rule 6 – Mediation:** Reference to Sup.R. 16 will be amended to Sup.R. 6
- **Rule 73.5 - General Decorum:** Reference to Local Rule 54 will be amended to Local Rule 73.5
- **Rule 8.33 – Guardianship:** Reference to Local Rule 66.03(B) will be amended to Local Rule 8.33(B) and reference to Local Rule 66.03(B)(5) will be amended to Local Rule 8.33(B)(5)
- **Rule 8.38 - Guardianship Annual Plan/Registration:** Reference to Local Rule 66.1 will be amended to Local Rule 8.381
- **Rule 73.211 - Attorney Fees for Decedent's Estate Filed on or After July 1, 2026:** Reference to Sup.R. 71 will be amended to Civ.R. 73.21
- **Rule 73.211 - Attorney Fees for Decedent's Estate after 8-1-2017:** Reference to Sup.R. 71 will be amended to Civ.R. 73.21, and reference to Local Rule 71.1(D) will be amended to Rule 73.211(D)
- **Rule 73.211 - Attorney Fees for Decedent's Estate Prior to 8-1-2017:** Reference to Sup.R. 71 will be amended to Civ.R. 73.21, and reference to Local Rule 71.1(B) will be amended to Local Rule 73.211(B)

***Indicates substantive amendments to the Probate Court Local Rule. For the full text of each proposed amendment, please visit the Cuyahoga County Probate Court Website.