

## The Probate Timeline\*

| STEP  | DURATION                         |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Prepare and File Petition for Probate   | 1-2 months                       |
| Court hearing on the Petition for Probate   | 2-3 months                       |
| The following are issued: Letters of Administration, Orders for Probate, Duties and Liabilities, Issue Bond (if ordered), & **Letters Testamentary ** | 2-4 months<br>(if not contested) |
| Notice to Creditors   | 2-4 months                       |
| Notice to Department of Health Services Inventory & Appraisalment   | 4-8 months                       |
| Pay State and Federal Taxes (if necessary)  | 6-12 months                      |
| Allow or Reject Creditor Claims   |                                  |
| Possible Preliminary Distributions  |                                  |
| Notice to Department of Health Services (if deceased received medical)  |                                  |
| Notice to Franchise Tax Board (if heir is out of state)   |                                  |
| Claim of Exemption (if assets transfer to a minor)  | 6-15 months                      |
| Receive Final Tax Letter from State and Federal (if appropriate)  | 6-18 months                      |
| File Petition for Final Distribution and Accounting   | 8-16 months                      |
| Hearing on Petition for final Distribution and Accounting   |                                  |
| Order Approving Final Distribution and Accounting   |                                  |
| Distribution of Assets to Heirs   | 9-17 months                      |
| Final Discharge Order (indicates close of probate case)   | 9-18 months                      |
| Final Distribution of Funds   | 9-18 months                      |

\* This information is based on a National Average



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