**The Probate Timeline by Sean Daryani & Team**

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**Step**   **Duration**

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| Probate and File Petition for Probate |  | 1-2 months |
| Court hearing on the Petition for Probate |  | 2-3 months |
| The Following are issued: Letter of Administration, Order for Probate, Duties and Liabilities, Issue Bond (if ordered), and  \*\*Letters Testamentary\*\*  (sometimes referred to as the Letter of Administration) |  | 2-4 months  (if not contested) |
| Notice of Creditors |  | 2-4 months |
| Notice to Department of Health Services Inventory & Appraisement |  | 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 applicable) |  | 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 |