

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE 1021 SW FOURTH AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97207-1123

Patrick W. Henry Circuit Court Judge Telephone:503.988.5010Fax:503.276-0972

DATE: July 23, 2020

TO: Financial Institutions and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Hon. Patrick W. Henry, Multnomah County Chief Probate Judge

RE: Multnomah County Probate COVID-19 Restrictions

To Whom It May Concern:

On March 16, 2020, Oregon Supreme Court Justice Martha Walters issued Order 20-006 extending Level 3 restrictions to June 1, 2020 on court operations due to the COVID-19 virus. As of June 22, 2020, Multhomah County Courthouse is operating under Level 2 restrictions. However, although some court staff have been allowed to return to work on-site, Probate staff is not amongst them.

As a result of the current restrictions, there is no staff currently available to process requests for traditionally certified copies or certified letters. The Probate Department has created "electronically certified" letters, or e-letters, to address the need for fiduciary letters. These e-letters will be electronically signed by court staff, will contain 2 red seals, and the date of execution.

If you have any questions about the authenticity of an e-letter or the authority of a fiduciary in Multnomah County, you may send an email to the court at MUL.Probate@ojd.state.or.us. Probate staff are accessing and responding to email remotely and should be able to address your concerns.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Circuit Court Judge Patrick W. Henry