



Probate Court of Union County

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised, as of March 16, 2020, the Probate Court of Union County will be operating in a limited manner pursuant to the Statewide Judicial Emergency issued by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia on March 14, 2020 regarding COVID-19.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-62, under this Order, all deadlines and time schedules or filing requirements are suspended, tolled, or extended in all civil, criminal, and administrative matters. As a result, **WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING WALK-IN CUSTOMERS** during this time; issuing orders; or conducting non-essential hearings, trials, or services. However, most of our services will continue to be available by mail and online at www.unioncountygga.gov/court/probate-court.

If you have an emergency or critical need, please contact our office via telephone to schedule an appointment. Emergency/critical needs would be as follows:

- Petition for Emergency Guardianship/Conservatorship of an Adult Ward
- Orders to Apprehend and mental health concerns
- Urgent needs for vital records (birth, death, and marriage certificates)
- Urgent need for marriage license (please call for guidance)

If you need copies or certified copies of records or documents from our office or need a matter researched, please contact us, and we will work diligently to help you fulfill that need through email or mail at no additional cost.

If you have a current Union County Georgia Weapons Carry License that is due to expire during this period, the Emergency Order extends your expiration date until the end of the emergency period. **Please be aware that although we are not currently accepting new applications due to the issuance of the judicial emergency, this does not infringe upon your right to legally carry or possess a firearm in certain locations (see OCGA § 16-11-126).** You may also contact us for further information.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we try to work together to protect the public and our employees from the spread of this virus. Do not hesitate to contact our office during regular business hours, as we are still here to serve you.

Thank you,

Dwain Brackett, Probate Judge