

At a meeting held April 2, 2015 with Judge Michael V. Coccoma – Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, Judge Alan D. Scheinkman – Chief Administrative Judge 9th Judicial District, Judge Thomas E. Walsh, II - Surrogate of Rockland County and acting Surrogate of Westchester County, Judge David F. Everett – acting Surrogate of Westchester County, the Court announced that effective Thursday, April 9, 2015, Judge Robert A. Onofry - Surrogate of Orange County will be sitting in Westchester Surrogate's Court to handle emergency applications for Preliminary Letters Testamentary and Temporary Letters of Administration.

Judge Onofry shall be sitting each Thursday, commencing at 9:30 a.m., at the Surrogate's Courtroom located on the 18th Floor of 111 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to hear oral applications for the issuance of Preliminary Letters Testamentary and Temporary Letters of Administration. Such requests will be determined based upon good cause shown.

The emergency applications will be made only upon petitions previously submitted to the Westchester Surrogate's Court.

Commencing Tuesday, April 7, 2015, practitioners may fax requests for a matter to be put on the Thursday calendar to the attention of Mark L. Annunziata, Esq. at the Westchester Surrogate's Court at 914-995-3728 or email Mark L. Annunziata, Esq. at mannunzi@nycourts.gov so that the file will be scanned and available to Judge Onofry prior to Thursday's calendar call. Practitioners may also appear and wait at the Thursday calendar for their matter to be heard, but should be prepared to wait for their matter to be called. This procedure will be in place every week until further notice.

If good cause is shown after oral presentation, Preliminary and Temporary Letters will be issued in 24 hours.

The Court is also investigating new procedures to put into place, including instituting e-filing for probate and administration applications, and instituting a Settlement Part.

Further information in this regard will be disseminated as soon as available.