

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO  
PROBATE DIVISION  
JUDGE JACK R. PUFFENBERGER

In The Matter of:	*	CASE NO. MISC-64385
Local Rules of Practice	*	
	*	JUDGMENT ENTRY
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The Rules of Superintendence for the Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division are hereby amended and adopted in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio, effective March 1, 2023 to include the following changes.

Rule 78.6

INVENTORY

(A) In lieu of the appraiser signing the estate inventory, the fiduciary may attach to the inventory the original appraisal(s) containing the signature of the appraiser(s). As to real property, the valuation obtained from the county's auditor's office or website of the county where the real property is located can be filed with the inventory, otherwise LCPC Form 3.0A shall be filed by all fiduciaries.

(B) The inventory shall contain the address, legal description, and parcel number of the interest in the real estate of the decedent.

(C) The inventory will not be accepted for filing unless the bond, when required, is sufficient pursuant to RC § 2109.04. If the fiduciary's bond was delayed until inventory, the inventory shall not be accepted for filing unless the bond is filed simultaneously with the inventory or has already been filed for the full amount required by this Court.

(D) The court will not approve the distribution, sale, or expenditure of any estate assets, except the transfer of a motor vehicle pursuant to a 9C, prior to the filing of the inventory.

(E) Inventories must be signed by all current fiduciaries.

(F) All fiduciaries shall file a Certificate of Service of Inventory (LCPC Form 6.5) with the Court at the time the Inventory is filed. No inventory shall be accepted for filing without the Certificate. The fiduciary shall serve a copy of the Inventory (LCPC Forms 6.0 & 6.1) to all next of kin, beneficiaries, legatees, and devisees of the estate.

(G) Service of the inventory may be by any means allowed by *Ohio Civil Rule 4*, including electronic mail. Proof of such service does not need to be attached to the Certificate of Service.

(H) The Lucas County Probate Court shall publish notice of the hearing on the inventory in the *Toledo Legal News* and assess the publication fee accordingly.

IT IS THE ORDER OF THIS COURT THAT THIS AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL RULES IS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023.

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Judge Jack R. Puffenberger