

## Notice – Changes in How to File Matters in Probate

### Effective January 1, 2017:

- **File as a New Case if Case/Estate is Disposed.**  
If a probate case has been disposed, do not file new matters under the existing case number. File as a new case. In the note to clerk, you may mention the existing case number.
- **File as a New Case if you are filing a Petition for Successor Fiduciary.**
- **File as a New Case if you are filing a Competing Petition for Appointment.**
- **File under the existing open estate when filing adversarial matters relating to an existing open estate.**  
The Court will review your pleadings and may designate them as separate case numbers. When a new case number is designated by an adversary order, all future filings relating to that specific matter shall be filed under the assigned case.

More detailed information will be added to the Court's website in the Probate Department FAQs section and in the Probate eFiling section.

<https://www.16thcircuit.org/faq-6>

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