

**Probate Opening Requirements
Formal vs. Informal**

	Informal Appointment of Personal Representative ("PR")		Formal Appointment of Personal Representative ("PR")	
	Appoint PR - No Will	Appoint PR & Probate Will	Appoint PR - No Will	Appoint PR & Probate Will
Beneficiaries cooperative and willing to waive notices	Suitable	Suitable	NA - notices required	NA - notices required
Creditor claims against estate	Best to publish notice to creditors	Best to publish notice to creditors	Best to publish notice to creditors	Best to publish notice to creditors
Disputes between Beneficiaries	More risky	More risky	More safeguard if disputes	More safeguards if disputes
Original will in possession	NA	Required	NA	If not in possession, petition must state if lost or destroyed
Will name person applying for PR as first choice	NA	Required	NA	
Will identified by date in filings	NA	Required	NA	
Will has two witnesses and self-proving affidavit	NA	Required	NA	

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