

The consolidation of Connecticut probate courts became effective on Wednesday, January 5, 2011. Residents of Chaplin, Hampton, Colchester, Lebanon, Scotland and Windham should now contact the Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court, 90 South Park Street, Willimantic, CT, 860-450-2653, extension 1, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. regarding most matters involving minors through age 17. Children's matters include temporary or standby guardianships, applications for removal of guardianship including orders of temporary custody, termination of parental rights cases, paternity applications filed by putative fathers, and adoptions.

For probate matters that are not children's cases, residents of Chaplin, Hampton, Colchester, Lebanon, Scotland and Windham should contact the Windham/Colchester Probate Court located on the second floor of the Windham Town Hall, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT, 860-465-3049. The court will be open every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. The Colchester satellite office of the court will be open Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Non-children's cases that go to the Windham Town Hall court and to Colchester include, but are not limited to decedent estates, conservatorships, guardianships of developmentally disabled adults, change of name applications, guardian of the estate cases, civil commitments of mentally ill persons, and adult adoptions.

All probate cases emanating from Columbia and Andover are to be filed in the Greater Manchester Probate Court. Franklin cases continue to have the Norwich Probate Court as a venue. The new District of Tolland/Mansfield will accept all cases involving residents of Tolland, Mansfield, Coventry and Willington at the Tolland Town Hall. While children's cases may be filed in Tolland, they are likely to be heard and determined by the Tolland/Mansfield judge at the Children's Court in Willimantic.