## **RULE 16 - WRONGFUL DEATH SETTLEMENTS**

- 16.1 Application to settle wrongful death claims shall be set for hearing with notice to all next of kin, legatees and devisees, except when said application is accompanied by a consent of all next of kin, legatees and devisees and is a partial or final settlement of \$10,000.00 or less. In this case, the Court may approve the settlement without a hearing. This Hearing may be waived by the Court.
- **16.2** All hearings shall be held within thirty (30) days of the filing of the Form 14.0; provided, however, if either a guardian or guardian ad litem is necessary to be appointed, the hearing shall be held within fifteen (15) days after the appointment.