Deadlines for Probate in Virginia

Date of filing the Will: _____

Date of Appointment of the Executor/Administrator: _____

Notice	Within 30 days from the date of appointment	Send notice to the interested persons.
Proof of Notification	Within 4 months from the date of appointment	Proof shall be filed with the probate office with the payment of a filing fee
Inventory	Within 4 months from the date of appointment	Inventory of the estate assets shall be filed with the Commissioner of Accounts
Election against the Estate	Within 6 months from the later of (1) date of appointment; or (2) filing of the Will	The surviving spouse can claim the elective share of the decedent's augmented estate representing 1/3 of the estate when the decedent is survived by children or ½ of the estate in absence of children of the decedent.
Statement in Lieu of an Accounting (specific conditions apply)	As early as six months, and as late as sixteen months, from the date of appoint	Can be filed if all debts, bequests, and taxes have been satisfied and the residue is delivered to the residual heirs. This filing replaces the requirement of an accounting when all of the residual beneficiaries or intestate heirs of the estate are also named executors of the Estate.
Challenge of the Will	One year from the filing of the Will	After this deadline distribution of the estate and sale of the decedent real estate property can be made freely.
Spousal Rights	One year from the date of death	Family allowance, exempted property, and/or homestead allowance.
First Interim Account	Within 16 months from the date of appointment	The account will cover the period from the date of the executor's appointment through the next 12 month. Subsequent accountings are due 4 months after the close of each subsequent 12 month period. The final accounting must show a zero balance.

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