



# ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF A PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal and state public notice statutes generally establish four fundamental criteria for a public notice.

Each of these elements are critical aspects of the checks and balances that public notice was designed to foster.



## 1. Accessible

Every citizen in the jurisdiction affected by the notice must have a realistic opportunity to read it



## 2. Archivable

Notices must be capable of being archived in a secure and publicly available format for the use of the judicial system, researchers and historians



## 3. Independent

Notices must be published by organizations independent of the government body or corporation whose plans or actions are the subject of the notice



## 4. Verifiable

There must be a way to verify that each notice was an original, unaltered notice and actually published in accordance with the law



### Types Of Public Notices

#### Citizen Participation Notices

- Government Meetings and Hearings
- Meeting Minutes or Summaries
- Agency Proposals
- Proposed Budgets and Tax Rates
- Land and Water Use
- Creation of Special Tax Districts
- School District Reports
- Zoning, Annexation and Land Use Changes

#### Commercial Notices

- Unclaimed Property, Banks or Governments
- Delinquent Tax Lists, Tax Deed Sales
- Government Property Sales
- Permit and License Applications

#### Court Notices

- Mortgage Foreclosures
- Name Changes
- Probate Rulings
- Divorces and Adoptions
- Orders to Appear in Court

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## FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
CHARLOTTE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 23-466-CP  
Division PROBATE  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
STEVEN JOHN STRICK A/K/A  
STEVEN J. STRICK A/K/A  
STEVEN STRICK  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Steven John Strick a/k/a Steven J. Strick a/k/a Steven Strick deceased, whose date of death was March 2, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for CHARLOTTE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Charlotte County Justice Center, 350 E. Marion Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is May 26, 2023.

**Personal Representative:**  
**Fredeswenda R. Ford**  
22384 Buffalo Avenue  
Port Charlotte, Florida 33952  
Attorney for Personal Representative:

Ellie K. Harris, Esq.  
Florida Bar Number: 0021671  
Elise V. Bouchard, Esq.  
Florida Bar Number: 0109033  
17841 Murdock Circle  
Port Charlotte, Florida 33948  
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May 26; June 2, 2023 23-00523T

## FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No.: 2023-CP-000574  
Division: Probate  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
JOSEPH THOMAS SUAREZ  
a/k/a JOSEPH T. SUAREZ,  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Joseph Thomas Suarez a/k/a Joseph T. Suarez, deceased, whose date of death was April 23, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Charlotte County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 350 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, Florida 33950. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is May 26, 2023.

**Personal Representatives:**

**Shirley Suarez**  
719 Brightside Crescent Way  
Venice, FL 34293  
**Jeffrey Richerson**  
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Venice, FL 34293

Attorney for Personal Representatives:

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Florida Bar No.: 68197  
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probate@farr.com  
May 26; June 2, 2023 23-00531T

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
CHARLOTTE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 23-551-CP  
Division Probate  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
ENID M. WATSON A/K/A  
ENID MARIE WATSON  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Enid M. Watson a/k/a Enid Marie Watson, deceased, whose date of death was March 26, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Charlotte County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 350 E. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must

file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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The date of first publication of this notice is May 26, 2023.

**Personal Representative:**

/s/ **Sandra M. Schmidt**  
**Sandra M. Schmidt**  
1272 Linneman Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45238

Schwarz & Harris, P.A.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

/s/ Ellie K. Harris  
Ellie K. Harris  
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May 26; June 2, 2023 23-00538T

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
(summary administration)  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 23000433CP  
Division Probate  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
Emmanuel Thomas Brochu, Jr.,  
Deceased.

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Emmanuel Thomas Brochu, Jr., deceased, File Number 23000433CP; by the Circuit Court for Charlotte County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 350 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950; that the decedent's date of death was December 2, 2022; that the total value of the estate is \$2,500.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name Address  
Creditors: None.  
Beneficiaries: Pamela Timmins  
17100 Tamiami Trail, Lot 267,  
Punta Gorda, FL 33955

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims

or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is May 26, 2023.

**Person Giving Notice:**

/s/ **Pamela Timmins**  
**Pamela Timmins**

**Personal Representative**  
17100 Tamiami Trail, Lot 267  
Punta Gorda, Florida 33955

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:

/s/ Mark Martella  
Mark Martella, Esq.  
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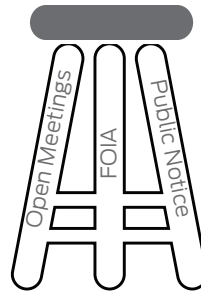
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# Why Public Notice Should Remain in Newspapers

Along with open meeting and freedom of information laws, public notice is an essential element of the **three-legged stool of government transparency**



This is not about “newspapers vs the internet”.

**It’s newspapers *and* newspaper websites vs government websites**

and newspaper websites have a much larger audience. Moving notice from newspapers to government websites would **reduce the presence of public notices on the internet**



Requiring independent, third-party newspapers to ensure that public notices run in accordance with the law helps

**prevent government officials from hiding information**

they would prefer the public not to see

Since the first U.S. Congress, public officials have understood that newspapers are the best medium to notify the public about official matters because they contain the

**essential elements of public notice:**



**Accessibility**



**Independence**

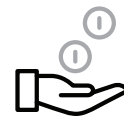


**Verifiability**



**Archivability**

**Publishing notices on the internet is neither cheap nor free**



**Newspapers remain the primary vehicle for public notice in all 50 states**



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