IL Estate Timeline:

1. When an Estate is opened, the matter is given a fourteen-month status date to report on the status of the Estate.
2. It usually takes the Public Administrator's office at least two years to complete administration and make distributions, but often it takes much longer.
3. Independent Administrations can be quicker.
4. We should file an Appearance within 14 months or shortly after to avoid the case to be closed and funds deposited to the Treasury.
    a. However, deposited funds can be retrieved within a 7-year period before they escheat to the state.
5. **Watch out for certain documents and milestones:**
    a. Affidavits and Orders of Heirship (+ Orders Amending Heirship)
    b. Inventories
    c. Contesting Letters of Administration
    d. Real Estate Listings and Sales
    e. Appearances (could be creditors)
    f. Accountings (Current, Final, Supplemental)
    g. Partial Distributions
    h. Order of Discharge – Continued (after 14 months)

Note for Documentation:

If State Attorney is involved in PA or Independent Admin cases, proof documents need to be certified and international documents apostilled. Proof requirements will be more difficult in general.