

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF CARVER

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FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CARVER COUNTY COURTS

PROBATE DIVISION

Case Type: Special Administration

In the Matter of:

Court File No. 10-PR-16-46

Estate of Prince Rogers Nelson,

Decedent,

**ORDER REGARDING THE FILING OF
CERTAIN DOCUMENTS UNDER SEAL**

and

Tyka Nelson,

Petitioner.

The Court has received a number of documents during the last ten days which are designated to be filed under seal. With respect to many of these documents the Court sees no legal basis to file the documents under seal. With respect to these documents, the Court believes that it is incumbent on the filer of the document to provide a redacted copy for public filing or to provide argument to the Court as to why the entire document should be filed under seal.

Accordingly, based upon the record, the Court hereby **ORDERS** that:

1. Court Administration is hereby directed to accept for filing the following documents to be filed publicly (not under seal) at any time after 12:00 noon on December 28, 2016 unless the filer of document provides (1) written argument as to why the document should be filed under seal or (2) the filer provides a redacted document for public filing:

Petition For Appointment of Successor Special Administrator

Petition For Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Appointment of Personal Representative

Acceptance of Appointment as Personal Representative and Oath by Individual

Acceptance of Appointment as Personal Representative and Oath by Corporation

Acceptance of Appointment as Successor Special Administrator and Oath by Corporation

[Proposed] Notice and Order for Hearing on Joint Petition For General Administration of Estate, Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Appointment of Co-Personal Representatives

Memorandum of Law in Support of Gray Plant Mooty's Motion for Approval of Payment from the Estate for Services that Benefitted the Estate as a Whole

Affidavit of Matthew Shea in Support of Gray Plant Mooty's Motion for Approval of Payment from the Estate for Services that Benefitted the Estate as a Whole

Exhibit A to the Affidavit of Matthew Shea in Support of Gray Plant Mooty's Motion for Approval of Payment from the Estate for Services that Benefitted the Estate as a Whole

Exhibit B to the Affidavit of Matthew Shea in Support of Gray Plant Mooty's Motion for Approval of Payment from the Estate for Services that Benefitted the Estate as a Whole

Exhibit C to the Affidavit of Matthew Shea in Support of Gray Plant Mooty's Motion for Approval of Payment from the Estate for Services that Benefitted the Estate as a Whole

Lommes Abdo's Notice of Motion and Motion for the Approval of Payment of Attorneys' Fees and Costs

Lommes Abdo's Memorandum of Law for the Approval of Payment of Attorneys' Fees and Costs

Affidavit of Kenneth J. Abdo

[Proposed] Order Approving Payment of Lommen Abdo's Attorneys Fees and Costs

The Special Administrator's Objection to Phaedra Ellis-Lamkin's Petition

Declaration of Katherine A. Moerke in Support of the Special Administrator's Objection to Phaedra Ellis-Lamkin's Petition

Objection to Motion for Approval of Payment from the Estate for Services That Benefitted the Estate as a Whole

Objection to Motion for Order to Approve Payment of Non-Entertainment Attorneys' Fees

Objection to Motion for Order to Approve Payment of Non-Entertainment Attorneys' Fees and Expenses

2. With respect to the billing statements set forth in the following documents, the Court believes that the rules relating to public access to documents require that a redacted statement be filed publicly unless a compelling argument can be made that the whole document needs to be sealed:

Exhibit A to the Affidavit of Matthew Shea in Support of Gray Plant Mooty's Motion for Approval of Payment from the Estate for Services that Benefitted the Estate as a Whole

Exhibit B to the Affidavit of Matthew Shea in Support of Gray Plant Mooty's Motion for Approval of Payment from the Estate for Services that Benefitted the Estate as a Whole

Affidavit of Kenneth J. Abdo

The Court recognizes that legal billing statements contain references to confidential work product and confidential reference to attorney - client communication. However, these references should be addressed through redaction, not the sealing of the entire document, wherever possible.

BY THE COURT:



Kevin W. Eide
Judge of District Court

Dated: December 23, 2016