Informal Probate (With No Will)



Use these forms and instructions only if the following factors apply to your situation:

You are related to the person who died or you have a legal interest in the person's property.

The person did not have a will.

The person has been dead for less than three years.

No prior probate or administration proceeding was started in Minnesota.

You want to file court papers to have someone appointed to administer the estate of the person who died.

If you are not sure that these forms and instructions apply to your situation, see a lawyer for help.

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INFORMAL PROBATE (WITH NO WILL)

What to do before your appointment with the Registrar:

1. Determine if the person who died has been dead for less than three years.

2. Determine if a probate was previously started in Minnesota and if any Demands for Notice have been filed (go to <u>www.mncourts.gov/publicaccess</u> and perform a search).

3. Decide if you are an appropriate person to sign and submit the Application. Priority is the surviving spouse, other heirs of the decedent, creditor after 45 days of death, or conservator after 90 days of death. NOTE: You may need to obtain signed Nomination forms for appointment of a personal representative from heirs who have an equal or greater priority to serve as personal representative.

4. Complete the Application. It is very important that the Application be completed thoroughly and accurately. You must accurately list all of the heirs and all other interested parties of the person who died.

5. Complete the following documents. (NOTE: Leave the dates and signatures blank. These will be filled in by the Registrar.):

- Order of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative (Intestate);
- Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Intestate);
- Acceptance of Appointment and Oath by Individual (the Registrar can notarize your signature at the meeting); and
- Letters of General Administration.
- 6. Make a copy of the completed forms for your records.
- 7. Call the Registrar at (651) 266-8148 to arrange an appointment.

What to do when you come to your appointment with the Registrar:

1. Bring the originals of the following documents to your appointment with the Registrar:

- Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative (Intestate);
- Nominations signed by the heirs (if needed);
- Order of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative (Intestate);
- Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Intestate);
- Acceptance of Appointment and Oath by Individual (notarization is required); and
- Letters of General Administration.

2. The filing fee must be paid at the time of filing. A personal check will be accepted or it can be paid with a credit/debit card, VISA or Mastercard only.

3. If all of the documents are in order and approved, the Registrar will give you a copy of the completed Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Intestate).

Send Notice of the Probate and Appointment:

1. After the Registrar completes and signs the Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Intestate), you must make copies of it and mail a copy of it to all of the heirs and interested parties you listed in the Application.

2. These copies must be mailed to the heirs and interested parties before the Registrar can issue the Order and Letters of General Administration.

3. Complete the Affidavit of Mailing in this packet and file it with the Probate Court. NOTE: Your signature needs to be notarized on the Affidavit of Mailing.

Arrange for Publication:

1. You will need to make arrangements for publication of the Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Intestate) if you are not represented by an attorney. Instructions will be given to you at your meeting with the Registrar.

2. Publication must be made once a week for two consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper in the county where commencement takes place. An Affidavit of Publication must be filed with the Probate Court before the Registrar can issue the Order and Letters of General Administration.

3. You are responsible for paying the publication costs.

What Happens Next:

1. The Registrar will sign the Order and Letters of General Administration after the Acceptance of Appointment and Oath by Individual, Affidavit of Mailing, and Affidavit of Publication are filed with the Probate Court.

2. You will probably need one or more certified copies of the Letters of General Administration to prove that you have the authority to administer the estate of the person who died. You will need to ask the Probate Court for certified copies. There is a charge for each certified copy.

3. After your appointment, you will need to complete the Notice to Commissioner of Human Services Regarding Possible Claims, mail it to the Commissioner (the address is located on the Affidavit of Service of Notice to the Commissioner of Human Services Regarding Possible Claims), and complete the Affidavit of Service of Notice to the Commissioner of Human Services Regarding Possible Claims. NOTE: The Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Intestate) needs to be attached to the Notice to Commissioner of Human Services Regarding Possible Claims. A copy should be filed with the probate court.

4. After your appointment, the Notice to Spouse and Children and Affidavit of Mailing should be completed and mailed to any surviving spouse and/or children, if applicable. A copy should be filed with the probate court.

5. After the administration of the estate has taken place and the four-month creditor claims period has ended, you can file the Unsupervised Personal Representative's Statement to Close Estate with the probate court to close the file.

6. The Court does not supervise the administration of informal probate proceedings. However, it is still the responsibility of the personal representative to prepare and mail the inventory and final account and otherwise comply with the law for administration of the estate and distribution of assets.

Examples of Negative Allegation Statements (for completion of #7 on the Application)

- **Example 1** Where only the spouse survives, the application should state: "That the decedent left no surviving issue, natural or adopted, legitimate or illegitimate."
- **Example 2** Where only children survive, the application should state: "That the decedent left surviving no spouse; no children, natural or adopted, legitimate or illegitimate, other than herein named; and no issue of any deceased children."
- **Example 3** Where the spouse and children survive, the application should state: "That the decedent left surviving no children, natural or adopted, legitimate or illegitimate, other than herein named; and no issue of any deceased children."
- **Example 4** Where only grandchildren survive, the applicant should state: "That the decedent left surviving no spouse; no children; and no grandchildren, other than herein named; and no issue of any deceased grandchildren."
- **Example 5** Where only parents survive, the application should state: "That the decedent left surviving no spouse; no issue; and no parents, other than herein named."
- **Example 6** Where only brothers and/or sisters survive, the application should state: "That the decedent left surviving no spouse; no issue; no parents; no brothers or sisters, other than herein named; and no issue of deceased brothers or sisters."
- **Example 7** Where only nieces and/or nephews survive, the application should state: "That the decedent left surviving no spouse; no issue; no parents; no brothers or sisters; no nieces or nephews, other than herein named; and no issue of deceased nieces or nephews."
- **Example 8** Where only grandparents survive, the application should state: "That the decedent left surviving no spouse; no issue; no parents; no brothers or sisters or issue thereof; and no paternal grandparent, other than herein named; and no maternal grandparent, other than herein named."
- **Example 9** Where only aunts and/or uncles survive, the application should state: "That the decedent left surviving no spouse; no issue; no parents; no brothers or sisters or issue thereof; no grandparents; and no aunts or uncles, other than herein named."
- **Example 10** Where only first cousins survive, the application should state: "That the decedent left surviving no spouse; no issue; no parents; no brothers or sister or issue thereof; no grandparents; no aunts or uncles; and no first cousins, other than herein named."

STATE OF MINNESOTA	SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT				
COUNTY OF RAMSEY	PROBATE DIVISION				
	Court File No				
Estate of	APPLICATION FOR INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (INTESTATE)				
Decedent					
I,					
1. My address is:					
2. I am an interested person as defined by Minneso	ta law because I am:				
 3. Decedent was born on, at (city and state) 4. Decedent died on, at (city, state) and at least 120 hours, but not more than 3 years (except as permitted by Minn. Stat. 524.3-108), have elapsed since Decedent's death. 					
5. Decedent's domicile at the time of death was in	Ramsey County, State of Minnesota, at (address):				
 The names and addresses of Decedent's spouse, proceeding so far as known or ascertainable with 	children, heirs <u>and</u> other persons interested in this th reasonable diligence by the Applicant are:				
	ationship AND Birth Date				
Mailing Address Leg	gal Interest (List all) of Minors				
(Attach separ	ate schedule, if necessary)				

3. All persons identified as 1	heirs have survived the Dec	cedent by at least 120 hour	rs, except for:
\Box There are issue of the	ving spouse.	e of the surviving spouse.	
0. Venue for this proceeding	ng is in this County of the S	State of Minnesota because	2:
in the State of Minnesota OR	a. d in the State of Minnesota		he owner of property located
1. I estimate the Decedent'	's assets and indebtedness a	are as follows:	
Probate AssetsHomestead\$ _Other Real Estate\$ _Cash\$ _Securities\$ _		Non-Probate Assets Joint Tenancy Insurance Other	\$ \$ \$
Other \$			
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OR \Box Proper notice has been given to those persons who have filed demand for notice.

- 14. The time limit for informal appointment proceeding as provided by Minnesota law has not expired because three years or less have passed since the Decedent's death.
- 15. Having conducted a reasonably diligent search, I am unaware of any testamentary instrument under Minnesota law and believe that the Decedent died leaving no will.

16	16 is ent	itled to priority and appointment as personal
	representative under Minn. Stat. 524.3-203 because	
		There are no persons having a prior or equal
	right to the appointment under Minnesota law except	
		_ who have either renounced their right for
	appointment or have joined in nominating	
	WHEREFORE, I request the Registrar informally:	
1.	1. Enter an order appointing Representative of the Estate, with bond, in a	as the Personal
	Representative of the Estate, with bond, in a	n unsupervised administration;
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2.	2. Issue Letters of General Administration to	; and
2	2. Count and athen which a more hermore	
3.	3. Grant such other relief as may be proper.	
	Under penalties for perjury, I declare or affirm that I have	ve read this document and I know or believe its
re	representations are true and complete.	e read this document and I know of believe its

Dated: _____

Applicant

Attorney for Applicant:
Name:
Firm Name:
Address:
Attorney License No.:
Telephone:
Fax:
Email:

STATE OF MINNESOTA	SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF RAMSEY PROBATE D	
	Court File No
Estate of	RENUNCIATION OF PRIORITY FOR APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND BOND
Decedent	
I,	, state:
My address is:	·
I have priority under Minn. Stat. 524.3-203 for appoint a right to nominate the Personal Representative of this	tment as the Personal Representative of this estate and/or estate and/or a right to request bond because I am:
<u>RENUNCIATION</u>:	
□ Subject to the Nominee's acceptance and qualification Personal Representative. I reserve my priority, if an Personal Representative; or	ion, I renounce priority for appointment, if any, as ny, if the Nominee fails to qualify or ceases to act as
□ I reserve my priority for appointment.	
NOMINATION:	
□ I nominate (name and address):	
("Nominee") as Personal Representative of the estat	te of the decedent: or
\Box I decline to nominate a Personal Representative.	

BOND:

A bond protects the beneficiaries of the estate against the Personal Representative's wrongful acts. The undersigned is an interested person in this estate with an apparent interest in excess of \$1,000.00. I am aware that any bond filed in this estate is to cover damages in the event of mismanagement or misappropriation of funds by the Personal Representative. I request that:

bond be required in the amount of \$; or
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 \Box no bond

be required of ______, the nominated or appointed Personal Representative of this estate.

Note that the cost of the bond will be paid out of the assets of the estate and could ultimately reduce your distribution.

Under penalties for perjury, I declare or affirm that I have read this documents and I know or believe its representations are true and complete.

Dated: _____

Signature

Attorney for:
Name:
Firm Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Attorney License No.:
Telephone:
Fax:
Email:

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

Estate of

DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No.

ORDER OF INFORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
(INTESTATE)

Decedent

	The	Application	for	the	Informal	l Appo	intment	of	Perso	nal	Representativ	ve, signed	by
							,	car	ne	befor	re the	Registrar	on
					The R	egistrar,	having	cons	idered	the	Application,	determines	the
followi	ng:					U	U						

- 1. The Application is complete.
- 2. The Applicant has declared or affirmed that the representations contained in the Application are true to the best of Applicant's knowledge or belief.
- 3. The Applicant appears from the Application to be an interested person as defined by Minnesota law.
- 4. On the basis of the statements in the Application, venue in this County is proper.
- 5. The Application indicates that the applicant has conducted a reasonably diligent search, and is unaware of any unrevoked testamentary instrument. The requested appointment does not relate to any will.
- 6. Any notice required by Minnesota law has been given.
- 7. Decedent died on ______ and at least 120 hours, but not more than 3 years, (except as permitted by Minn. Stat. 524.3-108) have elapsed since the Decedent's death.
- 8. From the statements in the Application, the person appointed below has priority and is entitled to be appointed personal representative, and is not disqualified to serve as personal representative.
- 9. The Application indicates that there is no personal representative appointed in this or another county of Minnesota whose appointment has not been terminated.

- 10. From the Application it appears that under Minnesota law the heirs and their interests are as follows:
 □ As indicated in the Application OR
 - \Box As indicated below:
- 11. All persons identified as heirs under Minnesota law have survived the Decedent by at least 120 hours
- 12. (Check appropriate boxes)
 - □ Decedent left no surviving spouse.
 - \Box Decedent left no surviving issue.
 - □ All issue of Decedent are issue of Decedent's surviving spouse except for:

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Application is granted.

2.

is informally appointed as the personal representative of the Decedent's Estate, with _____ bond.

3. Upon filing any required bond and statement of acceptance and oath, letters of general administration will be issued.

Registrar

Date

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

Estate of

DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No. _____

Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed______, whose address is:

as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Registrar

Date

Deputy Court Administrator

Date

Attorney for Personal Representative: Name: Firm: Street Address: City, State, Zip: Attorney License No.: Email: Telephone: Fax:

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF RAMSEY In the Matter of the Estate of	DISTRICT COURT SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE COURT DIVISION Court File No AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING			
Decedent				
mailing), Minnesota, I mailed a copy of t	<pre>Ss Ss S</pre>			
NAME & MAILING ADDRESS:				
	Affiant Date Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on (date) by (name of affiant).			
NOTORIAL STAMP OR SEAL (OR OTHER TITLE OR RANK)	SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL			

STATE OF MINNESOTA	DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT			
COUNTY OF RAMSEY				
Estate of	Court File No			
	ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE			
Decedent	AND OATH BY INDIVIDUAL			
STATE OF MINNESOTA				
COUNTY OF S	3			
I,	, residing at:			
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COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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	Decedent	,	LETTERS OF GENERAL ADMINISTRATION			
1. 2.	The Decedent died on appointed Personal Representative of Dec qualified to act as Personal Representati according to law.	cedent's Estate in an unsup	has been ervised administration and is now			
	(COURT SEAL)	Registrar	Date			

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Fetat	Estate of		Court File No	
			9	UNSUPERVISED PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S
Decedent				STATEMENT TO CLOSE ESTATE
	TE OF MINNESOTA	}	SS	
Repre	I, esentative of the Estate, state that I (or a pr	rior Pe	ersona	, the Personal al Representative whom I have succeeded) have:
1.	Published notice to creditors. The date statement.	of the	noti	ce was more than four months prior to the date of this
2.	•			t, settlement or other disposition of all claims which and other taxes, except as specified in this statement.

3. Inventoried the assets of the Estate and distributed them to the persons entitled to them. Listed below are all unpaid claims, expenses or taxes which remain undischarged (If none, so state; otherwise state in detail other arrangements which have been made to accommodate all outstanding liabilities.):

4. Sent a copy of this statement to all distributees of this Estate and to all creditors or other claimants whose claims are neither paid nor barred and have furnished a full account in writing of this administration to the distributees whose interests are affected by the administration of this Estate.

This statement is filed for the purpose of closing this Estate and terminating my appointment as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Personal 1	Representative
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NOTARIAL STAMP OR SEAL (OR OTHER TITLE OR RANK)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on

(date) by

(name) Personal Representative.

SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL

Attorney for Personal	Representative:
Name:	-
Firm:	
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Attorney License No.:	
Email:	
Telephone:	Fax:

NOTE: Appointment of the Personal Representative terminates one year following the filing of this statement with the court. Letters of appointment remain in full force and effect during that year.

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

Estate of

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

Court	File	No.	

NOTICE TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES REGARDING POSSIBLE CLAIMS UNDER MINN. STAT. §§ 246.53, 256B.15, 256D.16 OR 261.04

Decedent

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES:

1. Attached and served upon you pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, is a copy of the **Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Intestate)** which has been or will be published according to law in the above referenced matter.

(Instructions: Include all aliases and former names of the decedent and spouse(s) in paragraphs 2 and 3 and attach a copy of the Notice to Creditors).

2. Decedent's Name

 3. Decedent was married to the following spouse(s) who predeceased decedent:

 Predeceased Spouse(s)'s Name

 Date of Birth

 Social Security Number

4. This Notice is given pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801 in case the decedent or a predeceased spouse of decedent might have received assistance for which a claim could be filed under one or more of the following Minnesota Statutes: § 246.53, 256B.15, 256D.16 or 261.04.

NOTE: Redact the Social Security numbers if filing this form with the County Recorder or Registrar of Titles.

Dated: _____

Personal Representative

Attorney for Personal Representative:		
Name:		
Firm Name:		
Street Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Attorney License No.:		
Phone:	Fax:	
Email:		

Date of Birth

Social Security Number

STATE OF MINNESOTA SECOND JUDICIAL D	DISTRICT
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COUNTY OF RAMSEY PROBATE I	DIVISION
Court File No	
Estate of	
Decedent	,
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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF NOTICE TO T	не
COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES	
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STAT. §§ 246.53, 256B.15, 256D.16 OR 261.04	(reserved for recording data)
STATE OF MINNESOTA	
	SS
COUNTY OF }	
	, being first duly sworn, on oath, says that on
(date), at	(City/State where
	pon the Commissioner of Human Services by mailing it in a
sealed envelope, postage prepaid by depositing	the same with the U.S. Postal Service, addressed to the
	Special Recovery Unit/Estate Notice, P.O. Box 64995, St.
Paul, Minnesota 55164-0095.	opecial recovery only Diate House, 110. Dox 04990, 50
The real property affected by the Notice is low	cated in County,
	county,
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NOTE: Attach Notice to Commissioner a	nd redact the Social Security numbers if filing with the
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THIS INSTRUMENT DRAFTED BY:	NOTARIAL STAMP OR SEAL (OR OTHER TITLE OR RANK):
Attorney for Personal Representative:	
Name:	
Firm Name:	
Firm Name:	
Address:	Calceration description of the formation of the
	Subscribed and sworn to before me on
	(date)
Attorney License No.:	by
Telephone:	
Fax:	
Email:	Signature of Notary Public or Other Official

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.

Estate of

NOTICE TO SPOUSE AND CHILDREN AND AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

Decedent

TO: Surviving spouse and children of the Decedent.

Surviving Spouse:

- 1. The right to elect a percentage of the "augmented estate" which is provided under Minnesota Statutes 524.2-201 through 524.2-214. This right to elect is personal to the surviving spouse and must be made within 9 months after the date of the Decedent's death; except that for property subject to probate the election may be made within 6 months after the probate of the Decedent's Will; even if the 9 month period has already expired.
- 2. If the Decedent's Will was made prior to your marriage to the Decedent, the right to choose the intestate share of the Estate under Minnesota Statutes 524.2-301. This right has some limitations and exceptions.
- 3. The right, under Minnesota Statutes 524.2-402 to the entire homestead if the Decedent did not leave any surviving descendants or the right to a life estate if the Decedent left surviving descendants.
- 4. The right to allowances under Minnesota Statutes 524.2-403, which permits the surviving spouse the right to select:

a. Household furniture, furnishings, appliances, and personal effects not exceeding \$10,000, net of security interests, but subject to an award of sentimental value property under Minnesota Statutes 525.152; provided, however, if the encumbered property and the value in excess of security interests, plus that of other exempt property, is less than \$10,000, or if there is not \$10,000 worth of exempt property in the Estate, the surviving spouse is entitled to other personal property of the Estate, if any, to the extent necessary to make up the \$10,000 value; and

- b. One automobile, if any, without regard to value.
- 5. The right to a family allowance from the Estate under Minnesota Statutes 524.2-404 of up to \$1,500 per month (or more if authorized by the court) for one year if the estate is insolvent or for 18 months if the Estate is solvent.

Minor Children of Decedent:

6. If the Decedent had an obligation to support you, the right to a family allowance from the Estate under Minnesota Statutes 524.2-404 of up to \$1,500 per month (or more if authorized by the court) for one year if the Estate is insolvent or for 18 months if the Estate is solvent.

Adult Children of Decedent:

7. If you were being supported by Decedent, the right to family allowance from the Estate under Minnesota Statutes 524.2-404 of up to \$1,500 (or more if authorized by the court) per month for one year if the Estate is insolvent or for 18 months if the Estate is solvent.

Minor and Adult Children of Decedent:

8. If there is no surviving spouse, the right to allowances under Minnesota Statutes 524.2-403:

a. Household furniture, furnishings, appliances, and personal effects not exceeding \$10,000, net of security interests, but subject to an award of sentimental value property under Minnesota Statutes 525.152; provided, however, if the encumbered property and the value in excess of security interests, plus that of other exempt property, is less than \$10,000, or if there is not \$10,000 worth of exempt property in the Estate, the children are entitled to other personal property of the Estate, if any, to the extent necessary to make up the \$10,000 value; and

b. One automobile, if any, without regard to value,

however, for Adult Children of the Decedent these allowances shall NOT have precedence over a claim under Minn. Stat. § § 246.53, 256B.15, 256D.16, 261.04 or 524.3-805, paragraph (a), clause (1), (2), or (3), nor shall a child have this allowance if the child has been intentionally omitted from Decedent's Will.

If you have any questions regarding interpretation of these statutes or the effect of these or other rights, please consult with an attorney of your own choice or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Copies of the statutes can be obtained at the local county law library or from the Personal Representative.

Dated:

Personal Representative

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Name:
Firm Name:
Address:
Attorney License No.:
Telephone:
Fax:
Email:

STATE OF MINNESOTA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT **DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF RAMSEY** Court File No. _____ Estate of **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**, Decedent STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF _____ SS. I, _____, being first duly sworn on oath state that on ______ (date), at ______ (city/state where mailing), I mailed a copy of the attached **Notice to Spouse and Children** to each person or entity named below by mailing a copy in a sealed envelope, postage prepaid, with the U.S. Postal Service as follows: Name/Mailing Address Affiant Date Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on (date) by (name of affiant) NOTORIAL STAMP OR SEAL (OR OTHER TITLE OR RANK) SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL