

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF CARVER

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PROBATE DIVISION

Case Type: Special Administration

Judge Kevin W. Eide

In the Matter of:

Court File Number: 10-PR-16-46

Estate of Prince Rogers Nelson,

Decedent.

**ORDER FOR PERMANENT REMOVAL OF
BREMER TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
AS SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THIS
ESTATE**

The above-entitled matter came before the Court on November 18, 2016, pursuant to the Petition for Permanent Removal of Bremer Trust, National Association as Special Administrator of this Estate, signed by Petitioner Claire Elisabeth Elliott (a/k/a Claire Elisabeth Nelson). Together with this document, the Court also considers Amended Petition for General Administration and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative which came before the Court and was signed by Petitioner Claire Elisabeth Elliott (a/k/a Claire Elisabeth Nelson) on November 1, 2016.

The Court, having considered this Petition and the above-mentioned Amended Petition, determines the following:

1. Petitioner Claire Elisabeth Elliott (a/k/a Claire Elisabeth Nelson) is an interested person as defined by Minnesota law because she is the Decedent's Legal Wife and Sole Heir according to the Decedent's Will and their Marriage Certificate, both of which the Court is in full possession of.
2. This Court has jurisdiction and venue in this Court is proper.
3. The Petition and the above-mentioned Amended Petition are complete.
4. The Petitioner has declared and affirmed that the representations contained in the Petition and above-mentioned Amended Petition are true and complete to the best of the Petitioner's knowledge and belief.
5. The Decedent died testate.
6. There is not pending an application or petition for probate of the Will of the Decedent or appointment of a Personal Representative, other than that of the Petitioner, in this or any other court.
7. No Personal Representative has been appointed in Minnesota or elsewhere.

8. Appointment of a Personal Representative is necessary because:
- (a) No Personal Representative has been appointed in Minnesota or elsewhere;
 - (b) The Decedent had substantial assets consisting of personal and real property that requires protection;
 - (c) The Decedent owned and controlled business interests that require ongoing management and supervision; and
 - (d) The Decedent always intended for Petitioner Claire Elisabeth Elliott (a/k/a Claire Elisabeth Nelson) to be the Personal Representative of his Estate.
15. An emergency exists to the extent that the appointment should be made without notice because immediate action and decisions need to be made to continue the ongoing management and supervision of Decedent's business interests which are now exclusively the business interests of Petitioner Claire Elisabeth Elliott (a/k/a Claire Elisabeth Nelson) and not Bremer Trust, National Association or any other person or entity.
16. Bremer Bank, National Association provided financial services to the Decedent for a number of years and has knowledge of his personal financial and business financial affairs, including the fact that Petitioner Claire Elisabeth Elliott (a/k/a Claire Elisabeth Nelson) has always had full ownership of the Decedent's and her joint bank accounts at Bremer Bank, National Association and now has full ownership of all the Decedent's bank accounts at Bremer Bank, National Association and everywhere else. Bremer Bank, National Association's affiliate, Bremer Trust, National Association, was merely selected as Special Administrator to protect the Decedent's assets pending the appointment of a Personal Representative.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Petition and above-mentioned Amended Petition are granted;
2. Intestate succession is completely irrelevant to the Estate because Prince Rogers Nelson died testate (with a Will in place) naming Petitioner Claire Elisabeth Elliott (a/k/a Claire Elisabeth Nelson), his Legal Wife, the Sole Heir of his Estate;
3. Petitioner Claire Elisabeth Elliott (a/k/a Claire Elisabeth Nelson) is the Sole Heir of the Estate of Prince Rogers Nelson, exactly according to the Will of Prince Rogers Nelson which the Court is in full possession of and this Order shall cause any bank to grant Petitioner Claire Elisabeth Elliott (a/k/a Claire Elisabeth Nelson) any sizable loan;
4. Bremer Trust, National Association is hereby permanently removed as Special Administrator of this Estate, effective immediately, and Petitioner Claire Elisabeth Elliott (a/k/a Claire Elisabeth Nelson) will now act in its place as Personal Representative of the Estate, with no bond, in a general administration exactly according to the Will of Prince Rogers Nelson which the Court is in full possession of;
5. Bremer Trust, National Association is now hereby prohibited from continuing to act on

behalf of the Estate and ordered to immediately hand over all documents pertaining to the Estate to the legal team of Petitioner Claire Elisabeth Elliott (a/k/a Claire Elisabeth Nelson) as soon as she determines its identity; and

6. On October 26, 2016, Petitioner Claire Elisabeth Elliott (a/k/a Claire Elisabeth Nelson) filed Acceptance of Appointment as Personal Representative and Oath by Claire Elisabeth Elliott; thus, the Court hereby issues Letters of General Administration to Petitioner Claire Elisabeth Elliott (a/k/a Claire Elisabeth Nelson) exactly according to the Will of Prince Rogers Nelson which the Court is in full possession of, subject to the following limitations:

The Personal Representative has the authority to manage and supervise the Decedent's assets as if they are her own. This appointment is permanent.

7. There will be no hearing on this matter.

BY THE COURT:

Date:

Kevin W. Eide
Judge of District Court