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| State of Minnesota |  |  | District Court |
| County of: |  | Judicial District: |  |
|  |  | Court File Number: |  |
|  |  | Case Type: | Formal Probate |

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| In Re the Estate of: | **PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE** |  |
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| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,  Decedent (Deceased person) |  |
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**Information about the Petitioner:**

1. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. My legal interest to the Decedent is: (Check all that apply)

Nominated Personal Representative

Spouse

Child

Other family member:

Heir

Creditor

Other:

**Information about the Decedent:**

1. Decedent was born on in the city of ,

and state of .

1. Decedent died on in the city of ,

and state of .

1. At least 120 hours, but not more than 3 years (except as allowed by Minn. Stat. § 524.3-108) have passed, since Decedent’s death.
2. Domicile (address of legal residence) of Decedent at the time of death:

Street Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

County:

1. Did Decedent live in MN at the time of death?  Yes  No

If No, did Decedent own property in MN at the time of death?  Yes  No

If yes, what county? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Decedent’s assets and indebtedness, to the best of my knowledge, at the time of death are as follows:

**Probate Assets**

Homestead $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other Real Estate $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cash $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Securities $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Probate Assets** (for example: joint accounts, beneficiaries, trusts, etc.)

Joint Tenancy $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Insurance $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate Indebtedness** (see Instructions)$ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Information about the Personal Representative:**

1. After a reasonable diligent search, I am unaware of any testamentary instrument under Minnesota law and believe that the Decedent died leaving no Will.
2. There is no personal representative of the Decedent appointed in Minnesota or elsewhere whose appointment has not been terminated.
3. The time limit for formal appointment has not expired because three years or less have passed since the Decedent’s death.
4. Check one:

I have not received a demand for notice and am not aware of any demand for notice of any probate or appointment proceeding concerning the Decedent that may have been filed in Minnesota or elsewhere.

**OR**

Proper notice has been given to those persons or entities who have filed a demand for notice.

1. is entitled to appointment as Personal Representative and has priority over others under Minn. Stat. § 524.3-203, because:

1. Is there any other person(s) having a prior or equal right to the appointment under Minnesota law?  Yes  No

If yes, who else has a right for appointment?

1. Have they given up their right for appointment or joined in nominating   
    as Personal Representative?

Yes  No

If yes, include the nomination and/or renunciation form (PRO901).

**Carefully read through the Instructions for definitions and examples of who needs to be included as an interested party below. Not including all interested persons may delay the probate.**

**Information about Decedent’s family and/or interested persons** (if any)**:**

1. Check all that apply:

Decedent left no surviving spouse.

Decedent left no surviving issue (generally, children by blood or adoption; for other examples, see Instructions or get legal advice).

All issue of Decedent are issue of Decedent’s surviving spouse.

There are issue of Decedent that are not issue of the surviving spouse.

There are issue of the surviving spouse who are not issue of the Decedent.

1. The names and addresses of Decedent’s spouse, children, heirs, and other persons interested in this proceeding so far as known or found with reasonable diligence by the Applicant are:

| **Name and Mailing Address (one name per box)** | **Familial Relationship** | **Legal Interest (check all that apply)** | **Birth Date of Minor / Date of Death of deceased Heir or Devisee** |
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|  | Spouse  Child (minor or adult)  Other family member: (relation) | Heir (next of kin who would inherit without a Will)  Nominated Personal Representative  Creditor  Other: |  |
|  | Child (minor or adult)  Other family member: (relation) | Heir (next of kin who would inherit without a Will)  Nominated Personal Representative  Creditor  Other: |  |
|  | Child (minor or adult)  Other family member: (relation) | Heir (next of kin who would inherit without a Will)  Nominated Personal Representative  Creditor  Other: |  |
|  | Child (minor or adult)  Other family member: (relation) | Heir (next of kin who would inherit without a Will)  Nominated Personal Representative  Creditor  Other: |  |

*Use another sheet of paper if you need more space for # 16.*

1. Have all interested persons listed as heirs lived longer than at least 120 hours after Decedent’s date of death?  Yes  No

If No, list the name of the heir: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Statement specifically eliminating all heirs other than listed (see Minn. Gen. R. Prac 408(a)):

**Start at (1) and check all boxes that apply moving down the list. Stop when directed.**

The Decedent left:

1. If Decedent has a living spouse, I have listed the spouse at #16.
2. If Decedent has children, I have listed them all at #16 (this includes adopted children but not step-children).
3. If Decedent has deceased children, I have listed all of the deceased child’s children at #16.

**STOP:** If boxes (1), (2), or (3) are checked:

* You do not have to continue, but
* Be sure all names are listed as interested persons in #16.

If boxes (2) or (3) are not checked, move to box (4).

1. If Decedent has no descendants, I have listed Decedent’s parents.
   1. If Decedent has no living parents, I have listed all Decedent’s siblings.
   2. If Decedent has deceased siblings, I have listed all the deceased siblings’ descendants (nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, etc.)

**STOP:** If box (4) is checked:

* You do not have to continue, but
* Be sure all names are listed as interested persons in #16.

If box (4) is not checked, move to box (5).

1. If Decedent’s parents have no descendants, I have listed Decedent’s grandparents (both maternal and paternal) in #16.
2. Maternal Grandparents
   1. If both of Decedent’s maternal grandparents are deceased, I have listed Decedent’s mother’s siblings (Aunts and Uncles).
   2. If Decedent’s mother has deceased siblings, I have listed all of her deceased sibling’s children (1st cousins).
   3. If Decedent has no living maternal cousins, I have listed the surviving children of cousins.
3. Paternal Grandparents
   1. If both of Decedent’s paternal grandparents are deceased, I have listed Decedent’s father’s siblings (Aunts and Uncles).
   2. If Decedent’s father has deceased siblings, I have listed all of his deceased sibling’s children (1st cousins).
   3. If Decedent has no living paternal cousins, I have listed the surviving children of cousins.

**STOP:** If any box in (5) through (7) is checked, be sure all names are listed as interested persons in # 16. Attach a family tree to this Petition.

1. Other: (attach a family tree and list names as interested persons in # 16).

**Other than specifically listed above, there are no other people who are heirs.**

**Based on the above, I ask the Court to schedule a hearing on this Petition and enter an order formally:**

1. Finding that the Decedent is dead.
2. Finding that venue is proper.
3. Finding that the proceeding was started within the time limitation required by Minnesota law.
4. Determining Decedent’s domicile at death.
5. Finding Decedent left no Will and therefore died intestate.
6. Determining Decedent’s heirs.
7. Determining that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is entitled to appointment as Personal Representative and should be appointed.
8. Appointing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as Personal Representative, with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bond, in  an unsupervised administration  a supervised administration.
9. Issuing Letters of General Administration upon qualification and acceptance; and
10. Granting such other relief as may be proper.

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116.

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| Dated |  | Signature of Petitioner | |
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| County and state where signed |  | City/State/Zip: |  |
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| Attorney for Petitioner:  OR  Self-Represented:  Name:  Firm:  Address:    Attorney License No.:  Email:  Telephone: |