

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Estate of

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Decedent

**PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL  
AND FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, state:

1. My address is: \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I am an interested person as defined by Minnesota law because I am: \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Decedent was born on \_\_\_\_\_, at (city, state) \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Decedent died on \_\_\_\_\_, at (city, state) \_\_\_\_\_  
and no more than 3 years (except as permitted by Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-108) have elapsed since Decedent's death.
5. Decedent's domicile at the time of death was in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_  
at (address): \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The names and addresses of Decedent's spouse, children, heirs, devisees and other persons interested in this proceeding so far as known or ascertainable with reasonable diligence by the Petitioner are:

Name and  
Mailing Address

Familial Relationship AND  
Legal Interest (List all)

Birthdate  
Of Minors

(Attach separate schedule, if necessary)

7. Negative Allegation Statement (*see* MINN. GEN. R. PRAC. 409(a)):

☐ Only the Spouse Survive Decedent

Decedent left no surviving descendants (including adopted descendants); and was not in the process of adopting an individual at the time of the decedent's death.

☐ Only children Survived Decedent

The Decedent left surviving no spouse; no children, (including adopted children), other than herein named; and no descendants of any deceased children.

☐ Spouse and Children Survived Decedent

The Decedent left surviving no children (including adopted children), other than herein named and no descendants of any deceased children; and was not in the process of adopting an individual at the time of the decedent's death.

☐ Only Brothers or Sisters Survived Decedent

The Decedent left surviving no spouse; descendants; parents; brothers or sisters other than herein named; and no descendants of deceased brothers or sisters.

☐ Only First Cousins Survived Decedent

The Decedent left surviving no spouse; descendants; parents; brothers or sisters or descendants thereof, grandparents; aunts or uncles; and no first cousins other than herein named.

8. All persons identified as heirs have survived the Decedent by at least 120 hours except for: \_\_\_\_\_.

9. (Check appropriate boxes):

☐ Decedent left no surviving spouse.

☐ Decedent left no surviving descendants.

☐ All descendants of Decedent are descendants of Decedent's surviving spouse.

☐ There are descendants of the Decedent that are not descendants of the surviving spouse.

☐ There are descendants of the surviving spouse who are not descendants of the Decedent.

10. Venue for this proceeding is in this County of the State of Minnesota because:

☐ The Decedent was domiciled in this County at the time of death, and was the owner of property located in the State of Minnesota.

or

☐ Though not domiciled in the State of Minnesota, the Decedent was the owner of property located in this County at the time of death.

11. I estimate the Decedent's assets and indebtedness are as follows: (Complete all blanks, even if zero)

**Probate Assets**

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

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

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

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

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

**Non-Probate Assets**

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

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

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

**Approximate Indebtedness** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12. There is no Personal Representative of the Decedent appointed in Minnesota or elsewhere whose appointment has not been terminated.

13. ☐ 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 who have filed a demand for notice.

14. Decedent's Will is comprised of the following:

- ☐ Last Will dated \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Codicil( ) dated \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Separate writing( ) under Minnesota Statutes section 524.2-513 dated \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The Will refers to a separate writing but none has been found.

15. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the Will has been validly executed.

16. Having conducted a reasonably diligent search, I am unaware of any instrument revoking the will, and that I believe that the instrument which is the subject of the petition is the decedent's last will.

17. The documents comprising the Will:

- ☐ accompany this Petition.
- ☐ are in the Court's possession.
- ☐ have been probated elsewhere and an authenticated copy of the Will and statement or order probating the same accompany this Petition.
- ☐ are unavailable, but a Statement of Contents of Lost, Destroyed or Otherwise Unavailable Will accompanies this Petition.

18. The Will nominates \_\_\_\_\_ as Personal Representative.

☐ The nominated Personal Representative is willing to serve and is not disqualified.

or

☐ The nominated Personal Representative is unable or has declined to serve, and \_\_\_\_\_ has priority under Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-203 to serve as Personal Representative because \_\_\_\_\_.

19. The Will specifies: ☐ no bond ☐ minimum bond ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ bond ☐ bond not specified.

20. The Will specifies: ☐ formal/unsupervised administration ☐ formal/supervised administration  
☐ informal/unsupervised ☐ administration not specified.

**WHEREFORE**, I request the Court fix a time and place for a hearing on this Petition and enter an order formally:

1. Finding the Decedent is dead;
2. Finding venue is proper;
3. Finding the proceeding was commenced within the time limitations prescribed by Minnesota law;
4. Determining Decedent's domicile at death;
5. Determining Decedent's heirs;
6. Determining Decedent's testacy status;
7. Determining the Will is valid and unrevoked and should be probated;
8. Determining \_\_\_\_\_ is entitled to appointment as Personal Representative and should be appointed;

9. Appointing \_\_\_\_\_ as Personal Representative  
with \$ \_\_\_\_\_ bond, in ☐ an unsupervised ☐ a supervised administration;
10. Authorizing issuance of Letters Testamentary upon qualification and acceptance; and
11. 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.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

Attorney for Petitioner

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Firm \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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