

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

DECEDENT'S ESTATE PACKET



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Probate Timeline (Decedent's Estate)

Note: This is an approximate timeline of the Probate process and is not intended to cover every scenario a personal representative may encounter. The entire process can take between 9 months to 1 ½ years, or longer. It is your responsibility to research and determine which tasks apply to your specific circumstances. For more complex estates or estates that might be challenged or contested it may be best to seek legal representation.



Approximate Deadlines:		Brief Description of Required Action:
☐	After Death	Gather information regarding assets, heirs/beneficiaries, creditors, and determine who will be the personal representative.
☐	Within 30 days from Date of Death	If decedent had a Will, deliver the original(s) to the clerk of the Superior Court of the County in which the estate of the decedent may be administered.
☐	Petition for Probate	Complete and file Petition for Probate (JC Form #DE-111); *Waiver of Bond by Heir or Beneficiary (JC Form #DE-111(A-3e); Duties and Liabilities of Personal Representative (JC Form #DE-147); *Proof of Subscribing Witness (JC Form #DE-131); *Proof of Holographic Instrument (JC Form #DE-135). <i>* Forms may not be applicable.</i>
☐	3 weeks before Hearing Date	Submit Proposed Order for Probate (JC Form #DE-140); Proposed Letters (Probate) (JC Form #DE-150); and Bond, if applicable.
☐	Within 15 days from Hearing Date	Publish and serve the Notice of Petition to Administer Estate (JC Form #DE-121). File proof of publication and proofs of service.
☐	Within 2 weeks from Hearing Date	Review Probate Notes on the court's website. Correct defects. Some defects may be corrected by clarifying on a Response to Probate Notes form (SDSC Form #PR-177).
☐	Within 90 days from issuance of Letters	Send notice to any applicable public agencies, such as Franchise Tax Board; Department of Health Services; Victims Compensation Board.
☐	Within 90 days from issuance of Letters	Consult a licensed tax professional concerning duty to obtain a tax identification number from the IRS and file all necessary State and Federal tax returns.
☐	Within 4 months from issuance of Letters	Prepare an Inventory & Appraisal (JC Form #DE-160) and send to the Probate Referee appointed on the Order for Probate, for completion of the valuation of the estate.
☐	Within 4 months from issuance of Letters	Prepare and mail Notice of Administration to Creditors (JC Form #DE-157) to both known and reasonably ascertainable creditors of the decedent.
☐	Within 30 days of receipt of Creditor's Claim	Complete and file an Allowance or Rejection of Creditor's Claim (JC Form #DE-174), for each Creditor's Claim received.
☐	Within 1-1½ years from issuance of Letters	Prepare and file a final accounting or waiver of final accounting and petition for final distribution. This may be filed on pleading or by completing First and Final Report of Personal Representative & Petition for Final Distribution (SDSC Form #PR-165).
☐	Within 15 days from Hearing Date	Serve and file the Notice of Hearing (Decedent's Estate or Trust) (JC Form #DE-120).
☐	Within 2 weeks from Hearing Date	Review Probate Notes on the court's website. Correct defects. Some defects may be corrected by clarifying on a Response to Probate Notes form (SDSC Form #PR-177).
☐	After Hearing	Distribute assets to heirs/beneficiaries, as approved by court, and obtain signed receipts for filing with the court.
☐	Within 30 days after Hearing	Complete and file the Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge and Order (JC Form #DE-295).



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS (DECEDENT'S ESTATE)

This document provides information intended to answer general questions a self-represented litigant may have about decedent's estate. This is not a complete reference or procedural guide, nor is it intended to take the place of legal advice from an attorney. It is your responsibility to read and comply with the applicable laws, use current forms, and be prepared to present your case.

What is a Decedent's Estate?

A Decedent's Estate refers to all property left behind when a person dies. Probate is one way someone can obtain legal permission to manage a decedent's property. In a probate case, an executor (if there is a Will) or an administrator (if there is no Will) is appointed by the court as a personal representative to collect the assets, pay the debts and expenses, and then distribute the remainder of the estate to the heirs or beneficiaries under the supervision of the court. The entire case may take between nine months to one and a half years, or longer.

Probate is commonly used when a decedent's estate value exceeds \$208,850.00*. However, exceptions may exist depending on whether the decedent was survived by a spouse or registered domestic partner, or the type of assets in the estate. These exceptions may allow you to achieve the same result of a formal Probate, but through a more simplified process, listed below.

Court Procedures:	Non-Court Procedures:
Spousal or Domestic Partner Property Petition (JC Form #DE-221) If the surviving spouse/partner is legally entitled to all the property, a Petition for Probate may not be required. For example, a couple that was married for decades may only own "community property," which belongs to the surviving spouse/partner and is confirmed by the court in the spousal property petition case. This form may be found on the Judicial Council's website at www.courts.ca.gov/forms .	Affidavit for Collection of Property without Probate (SDSC Form #PR-132) If you have the legal right to inherit personal property, such as money in a bank account or stocks, and the estate is worth \$208,850.00 or less*, you may not have to go to court. The form listed above is a simplified process you can use to transfer the property to your name. This process CANNOT be used for real property. This form may be found on the court's website at www.sdcourt.ca.gov .
Petition to Determine Succession to Primary Residence (JC Form #DE-310) If the estate is \$750,000 or less*, it may not have to go through the probate process. The successor to an interest in real property, may file a petition requesting a court issue an order determining that they have succeeded to that real property. This form may be found on the Judicial Council's website at www.courts.ca.gov/forms .	Affidavit for Transfer Without Probate California Titled Vehicle or Vessels Only (DMV Form #REG 5) To transfer title of vehicles or vessels belonging to the decedent, a formal probate is not needed. This may be completed directly through the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). This form may be found on the DMV's website at www.dmv.ca.gov .
Affidavit re: Real Property of Small Value (JC Form #DE-305) Real property valued at \$69,625.00 or less* may be transferred without a formal probate. If you need a marketable title to the property, a certified copy of the filed form may be recorded with the County Recorder of the county where the real property is located. This form may be found on the Judicial Council's website at www.courts.ca.gov/forms .	Transfer of Mobile or Manufactured Home For information and links to the forms needed for transferring a mobile or manufactured home, visit the California Department of Housing and Community Development website at www.hcd.ca.gov .
*On April 1, 2022, and at each three-year interval ending on April 1 thereafter, the dollar amounts shall be adjusted based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. Adjustments do not apply when the decedent's death preceded the date of adjustment. Refer to the Maximum Values for Small Estate Set-Aside & Disposition of Estate Without Administration (JC Form #DE-300) to determine the maximum value based on the decedent's date of death.	

Need legal advice?

The court does not provide legal advice or offer assistance with completing these forms. It is your responsibility to do the research and determine which process would be best for your specific circumstances. For more complex estates or estates that may be challenged or contested it may be best to seek legal counsel. If you need help locating an attorney in San Diego County, you may contact the Lawyer Referral & Information Service of the San Diego County Bar Association at their website www.sdcba.org or by calling (619) 231-8585.

What do I have to file to start an Estate proceeding?

To open an estate proceeding, you first must file a petition and other forms with the court. You must fill out the following forms, available in the Probate Business Office and on the court's website at www.sdcourt.ca.gov:

Included in the Decedent's Estate Packet (SDSC #PKT-057):

- Petition for Probate (Probate-Decedent's Estate) (JC Form #DE-111)
- Attachment to Initial or Competing Petition for Probate (SDSC Form #PR-198) (*Mandatory form, effective 03/01/2024*)
- Waiver of Bond by Heir or Beneficiary (JC Form #DE-142/DE-111(A-3e))*
- Duties and Liabilities of Personal Representative (Probate) (JC Form #DE-147)
- Proof of Subscribing Witness (JC Form #DE-131)*
- Proof of Holographic Instrument (JC Form #DE-135)*

**Forms may not be applicable.*

Did the decedent have a last will and testament?

If the decedent had a Will, then they are deemed to have died testate. The Will dictates who the beneficiaries are, as well as who might be appointed as the personal representative of the estate. The original Will and any Codicils (amendments to the Will) must be deposited with the court when an estate proceeding is commenced. A manuscript cover, or stiff backing, is required, as well as a fee for storage of the Will. A copy of the Will and any Codicils must be attached to the Petition for Probate. If the decedent died without a Will, then they are deemed to have died intestate. The Probate Code dictates the line of succession of heirs to which the decedent's estate will pass.

What do I have to do after I fill out the forms?

You may file your documents by choosing one of the following options:

- E-Filing: www.sdcourt.ca.gov/sdcourt/onlineservices/efiling
Refer to Electronic Filing Requirements (Probate) ([SDSC Form #PR-188](#))
- In Person or by Mail (*You will need the original documents and one copy*):
Superior Court of California, County of San Diego
Probate Business Office, Room 330
1100 Union Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Helpful Tips:

- ✓ If e-filing, scanned documents must be in PDF format and must be text searchable (i.e., optical character recognition (OCR)).
- ✓ If e-filing, the original Will must be mailed or dropped off in the Probate Business Office with reference to the filed Petition for Probate (i.e., e-filing transaction number or case number).
- ✓ If filing in person or by mail, a copy of each completed form must be provided.
- ✓ If filing by mail, a self-addressed, stamped envelope must be provided for conformed copies to be returned.

Is there a fee to file a Petition for Probate?

Yes. The current fee amounts may be found on the court's Fee Schedule (SDSC Form #ADM-001), available in the Probate Business Office and on the court's website at www.sdcourt.ca.gov.

What if I don't have enough money to pay the fee?

If you cannot afford the fees, you can request a fee waiver from the court. All the required forms are included in the Fee Waiver Packet (SDSC PKT #010) which is available in the Probate Business Office and on the court's website at www.sdcourt.ca.gov (select Probate, then Forms). If your request is granted, all court related fees will be waived.

BEFORE THE HEARING:

Publication and Notice Requirements:

The Notice of Petition to Administer Estate (JC Form #DE-121) must be published in a newspaper circulated in the city where the decedent lived at the time of death. All persons or entities (such as charities) named in the Will, including each person nominated as executor, and all persons who would be entitled to inherit as heirs by intestate succession (even if the decedent left a Will) are entitled to receive notice of the Petition for Probate.

- **Publication:**

A copy of the Notice of Petition to Administer Estate must be published three times in the legal notice section of a newspaper of general circulation in the city where the decedent resided. Refer to List of Approved Newspapers for Publication of Legal Notices ([SDSC Form #ADM-335](#)). The first publication date must be at least 15 days prior to the hearing with at least five days between the first and last publication (not counting the publication dates). After publication has been completed, an Affidavit of Publication must be filed with the court. Ask the newspaper whether it will file the Affidavit directly with the court or send it to you. It is your responsibility to make sure that the Affidavit is filed, even if the newspaper says they will do it for you.

- **Notice Requirements:**

Notice must be given by first class mail or by personally delivering a copy to each person or entity entitled to notice at least 15 days prior to the hearing. Each person should receive a copy of the "Notice of Petition to Administer Estate" showing the hearing date information. It is also recommended (but not required) that each person be sent a copy of the Petition for Probate with all attachments. *Note: If you are the person who is asking to be appointed as personal representative, you cannot mail the copies but must have someone else who is not a party mail the documents for you.* After the copies have been mailed or delivered, the person who mailed the documents must complete and sign the Proof of Service by Mail on the reverse side of the Notice of Petition to Administer Estate.

Order, Letters, and Bond, if applicable:

A proposed Order for Probate and Letters should be submitted prior to the hearing, so that they may be reviewed by the probate examiner. If submitted by e-filing, an electronic copy will be returned via email after the hearing, if an email address was provided. If submitted in person or by mail, a self-addressed stamped envelope must be submitted, in addition to copies for conforming and return after the hearing. If a bond is required, the original must be submitted to the court. Bonds are not eligible of e-filing.

- **Order for Probate (JC Form #DE-140):**

The order appoints the personal representative of the estate and lists the powers and responsibilities granted.

- **Letters (Probate) (JC Form #DE-150):**

This form serves as the oath of office for the personal representative and may be given to anyone who needs proof that you have been appointed as the personal representative and have authority to act on behalf of the estate. Letters expire 18 months from the date of issuance.

- **Bond:**

A bond is required of all personal representatives to protect interested persons, including beneficiaries and creditors, against the wrongdoing of the personal representative. A bond is not required if the Will waives the bond requirement, or if all beneficiaries sign a waiver of the bond requirement. The court will ordinarily require a non-resident personal representative to file a bond even if the Will waives bond. If a bond is required, the amount of the bond will be fixed based on the estimated value of the decedent's estate.

Probate Examiner Notes:

Before the court hearing date, a probate examiner will review the filings submitted and make notes for the judge. These notes are referred to as "probate notes." A copy of the probate notes will be available on the online Register of Actions on the court's website at www.sdcourt.ca.gov (select Online Services and then Access Court Records) about two weeks prior to the hearing.

If there are defects (things that are missing and/or corrections to be made), they will be noted by the probate examiner. Ordinarily the defects need to be corrected before the petition will be granted by the judge. Some defects may be corrected by providing an explanation on a Response to Probate Notes form (SDSC Form #PR-177). Contact the probate examiner listed on your probate notes for information on how to correct defects. All corrections must be made at least **four court days** before the hearing. If defects are noted and have not been corrected before the hearing date, the court may continue the hearing to a later date to allow time to correct the defects.

The probate examiners can be contacted by phone or email. Instructions are available on the court's website at www.sdcourt.ca.gov (click on the Probate tab, then Examiner Notes).

AFTER THE HEARING:

Probate Referee and Inventory & Appraisal:

At the time of appointment of the personal representative, the Court designates on the Order for Probate the name and contact information for the probate referee to be used in that estate to appraise the total value of the assets. Probate referees are qualified appraisers who have passed stringent education and testing requirements and are appointed by the California State Controller's Office to act as probate referees for each county. As personal representative, you must complete and sign the front side of the Inventory and Appraisal form (JC Form #DE-160), leaving the line for "Total Appraisal by Referee" blank, but otherwise answering each section. You must send the form to the appointed probate referee for completion.

Notice to Creditors and Allowance or Rejection of Creditors' Claims:

As personal representative, you have a duty to notify both known and reasonably ascertainable creditors of the death of the decedent and that you have been appointed as personal representative. Complete and mail the Notice of Administration to Creditors (JC Form #DE-157).

In addition, you are required to notify the Franchise Tax Board of the decedent's death. The Department of Health Services must also be notified, if you know or have reason to believe that the decedent received Medi-Cal health benefits or was the surviving spouse of a person who received Medi-Cal health benefits. If an heir or beneficiary is currently incarcerated or was formerly incarcerated, the California Victim Compensation Board must be notified. If income was earned by the decedent prior to death, personal income state and federal taxes may need to be filed. If you are unsure, discuss your case with a lawyer or Certified Public Accountant.

If a creditor files a Creditor's Claim (JC Form #DE-172), you must review the claim carefully and either allow or reject the claim, in whole or in part, in writing, within 30 days of receiving the claim. Complete the Allowance or Rejection of Creditor's Claim form (JC Form #DE-174). Mail a copy of the Allowance or Rejection of Creditor's Claim form to the creditor. File the original Allowance and Rejection of Creditor's Claim with a copy of the Creditor's Claim attached. If certain criteria are met, the court will also review and either approve or reject the claim.

Final Accounting or Waiver of Final Accounting and Petition for Distribution of Assets:

The personal representative is required to bring the estate to a close within one year after Letters are issued (or 18 months if a federal estate tax return is required). Before the estate can be closed, the personal representative must file a final account, report, and petition for final distribution. The petition will be set for hearing and notice of the hearing to interested persons must be given by completing a Notice of Hearing (Decedent's Estate or Trust) (JC Form #DE-120). This petition may be prepared in pleading format, or local form, First and Final Report of Personal Representative & Petition for Final Distribution (SDSC Form #PR-165) may be used.

Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge and Order:

Once the court approves the Petition for Final Distribution, you may begin to distribute property to persons entitled to receive said property from the estate. Each person must sign a receipt and all receipts must be filed with the court. Receipts must be prepared on pleading. After distribution is complete, you must request that the court discharge you as the personal representative and exonerate the bond, if one was posted. This can be accomplished by completing and filing an Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge and Order (JC Form #DE-295/GC-395). There is no fee for filing and this is not set for hearing. Once signed by the judge, the administration of the estate is complete.

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO. (Optional): _____ EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional): _____ ATTORNEY FOR (Name): _____	FOR COURT USE ONLY		
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101			
ESTATE OF <i>(name)</i> : _____			
PETITION FOR ☐ Probate of ☐ Lost Will and for Letters Testamentary ☐ Probate of ☐ Lost Will and for Letters of Administration ☐ with Will Annexed ☐ Letters of Administration ☐ Letters of Special Administration ☐ with general powers ☐ Authorization to Administer Under the Independent Administration of Estates Act ☐ with limited authority	CASE NUMBER: _____ <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">HEARING DATE AND TIME: _____</td> <td style="width: 20%;">DEPT.: _____</td> </tr> </table>	HEARING DATE AND TIME: _____	DEPT.: _____
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1. Publication will be in *(specify name of newspaper)*:

- a. ☐ Publication requested.
 b. ☐ Publication to be arranged.

2. **Petitioner** *(name each)*:

requests that

- a. ☐ decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate.
 b. *(name)*: _____ be appointed
 (1) ☐ executor
 (2) ☐ administrator with will annexed
 (3) ☐ administrator
 (4) ☐ special administrator ☐ with general powers
 and Letters issue upon qualification.
 c. ☐ full ☐ limited authority be granted to administer under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.
 d. (1) ☐ bond not be required for the reasons stated in item 3e.
 (2) ☐ \$ _____ bond be fixed. The bond will be furnished by an admitted surety insurer or as otherwise
 provided by law. *(Specify reasons in Attachment 2 if the amount is different from the maximum required by Prob.
 Code, § 8482.)*
 (3) ☐ \$ _____ in deposits in a blocked account be allowed. Receipts will be filed.
 (Specify institution and location):

3. a. Decedent died on *(date)*: _____ at *(place)*: _____
 (1) ☐ a resident of the county named above.
 (2) ☐ a nonresident of California and left an estate in the county named above located at *(specify location permitting
 publication in the newspaper named in item 1)*:

b. ☐ Decedent was a citizen of a country other than the United States *(specify country)*: _____.

c. Street address, city, and county of decedent's residence at time of death *(specify)*:

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3. d. **Character and estimated value of the property of the estate** (complete in all cases):

- (1) Personal property: \$ _____
- (2) Annual gross income from
- (a) real property: \$ _____
- (b) personal property: \$ _____
- (3) **Subtotal** (add (1) and (2)): \$ _____
- (4) Gross fair market value of real property: \$ _____
- (5) (Less) Encumbrances: (\$ _____)
- (6) Net value of real property: \$ _____
- (7) **Total** (add (3) and (6)): \$ _____

- e. (1) ☐ Will waives bond. ☐ Special administrator is the named executor, and the will waives bond.
- (2) ☐ All beneficiaries are adults and have waived bond, and the will does not require a bond. (Affix waiver as Attachment 3e(2).)
- (3) ☐ All heirs at law are adults and have waived bond. (Affix waiver as Attachment 3e(3).)
- (4) ☐ Sole personal representative is a corporate fiduciary or an exempt government agency.
- f. (1) ☐ Decedent died intestate.
- (2) ☐ Copy of decedent's will dated: _____ ☐ codicil dated _____ (specify for each): _____
- are affixed as Attachment 3f(2). (Include typed copies of handwritten documents and English translations of foreign-language documents.)
- ☐ The will and all codicils are self-proving (Prob. Code, § 8220).
- (3) ☐ The original of the will and/or codicil identified above has been lost. (Affix a copy of the lost will or codicil or a written statement of the testamentary words or their substance in Attachment 3f(3), and state reasons in that attachment why the presumption in Prob. Code, § 6124 does not apply.)

g. **Appointment of personal representative** (check all applicable boxes):

- (1) Appointment of executor or administrator with will annexed:
- (a) ☐ Proposed executor is named as executor in the will and consents to act.
- (b) ☐ No executor is named in the will.
- (c) ☐ Proposed personal representative is a nominee of a person entitled to Letters. (Affix nomination as Attachment 3g(1)(c).)
- (d) ☐ Other named executors will not act because of ☐ death ☐ declination ☐ other reasons (specify): _____

☐ Continued in Attachment 3g(1)(d).

- (2) Appointment of administrator:
- (a) ☐ Petitioner is a person entitled to Letters. (If necessary, explain priority in Attachment 3g(2)(a).)
- (b) ☐ Petitioner is a nominee of a person entitled to Letters. (Affix nomination as Attachment 3g(2)(b).)
- (c) ☐ Petitioner is related to the decedent as (specify): _____
- (3) ☐ Appointment of special administrator requested. (Specify grounds and requested powers in Attachment 3g(3).)
- (4) ☐ Proposed personal representative would be a successor personal representative.

h. Proposed personal representative is a

- (1) ☐ resident of California.
- (2) ☐ nonresident of California (specify permanent address): _____

- (3) ☐ resident of the United States.
- (4) ☐ nonresident of the United States.

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4. ☐ Decedent's will does not preclude administration of this estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.
5. a. Decedent was survived by (check items (1) or (2), and (3) or (4), and (5) or (6), and (7) or (8))
- (1) ☐ spouse.
- (2) ☐ no spouse as follows:
- (a) ☐ divorced or never married.
- (b) ☐ spouse deceased.
- (3) ☐ registered domestic partner.
- (4) ☐ no registered domestic partner. (See Fam. Code, § 297.5(c); Prob. Code, §§ 37(b), 6401(c), and 6402.)
- (5) ☐ child as follows:
- (a) ☐ natural or adopted.
- (b) ☐ natural adopted by a third party.
- (6) ☐ no child.
- (7) ☐ issue of a predeceased child.
- (8) ☐ no issue of a predeceased child.
- b. Decedent ☐ was ☐ was not survived by a stepchild or foster child or children who would have been adopted by decedent but for a legal barrier. (See Prob. Code, § 6454.)
6. (Complete if decedent was survived by (1) a spouse or registered domestic partner but no issue (only a or b apply), or (2) no spouse, registered domestic partner, or issue. (Check the **first** box that applies):
- a. ☐ Decedent was survived by a parent or parents who are listed in item 8.
- b. ☐ Decedent was survived by issue of deceased parents, all of whom are listed in item 8.
- c. ☐ Decedent was survived by a grandparent or grandparents who are listed in item 8.
- d. ☐ Decedent was survived by issue of grandparents, all of whom are listed in item 8.
- e. ☐ Decedent was survived by issue of a predeceased spouse, all of whom are listed in item 8.
- f. ☐ Decedent was survived by next of kin, all of whom are listed in item 8.
- g. ☐ Decedent was survived by parents of a predeceased spouse or issue of those parents, if both are predeceased, all of whom are listed in item 8.
- h. ☐ Decedent was survived by no known next of kin.
7. (Complete only if no spouse or issue survived decedent.)
- a. ☐ Decedent had no predeceased spouse.
- b. ☐ Decedent had a predeceased spouse who
- (1) ☐ died not more than 15 years before decedent and who owned an interest in **real property** that passed to decedent,
- (2) ☐ died not more than five years before decedent and who owned **personal property** valued at \$10,000 or more that passed to decedent, (If you checked (1) or (2), check only the **first** box that applies):
- (a) ☐ Decedent was survived by issue of a predeceased spouse, all of whom are listed in item 8.
- (b) ☐ Decedent was survived by a parent or parents of the predeceased spouse who are listed in item 8.
- (c) ☐ Decedent was survived by issue of a parent of the predeceased spouse, all of whom are listed in item 8.
- (d) ☐ Decedent was survived by next of kin of the decedent, all of whom are listed in item 8.
- (e) ☐ Decedent was survived by next of kin of the predeceased spouse, all of whom are listed in item 8.
- (3) ☐ neither (1) nor (2) apply.
8. Listed on the next page are the names, relationships to decedent, ages, and addresses, so far as known to or reasonably ascertainable by petitioner, of (1) all persons mentioned in decedent's will or any codicil, whether living or deceased; (2) all persons named or checked in items 2, 5, 6, and 7; and (3) all beneficiaries of a trust named in decedent's will or any codicil in which the trustee and personal representative are the same person.

ESTATE OF *(name)*:

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8. Name and relationship to decedent Age Address

☐ Continued on Attachment 8.

9. Number of pages attached: _____

Date:

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF ATTORNEY)

(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY) *

* (Signatures of all petitioners are also required. All petitioners must sign, but the petition may be verified by any one of them (Prob. Code, §§ 1020, 1021; Cal. Rules of Court, rule 7.103).)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER)

(SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER)

(SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)

Signatures of additional petitioners follow last attachment.

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ATTACHMENT TO INITIAL OR COMPETING PETITION FOR PROBATE

Advisal of Publication and Notice Requirements:

Publication:

A copy of the Notice of Petition to Administer Estate (JC Form #DE-121) must be published three times in the legal notice section of a newspaper of general circulation in the city where the decedent resided. The first publication date must be at least 15 days prior to the hearing with at least five days between the first and last publication (not counting the publication dates), with proof of same being filed with the court (Prob. Code, § 8120, *et seq.*).

Notice Requirements:

A copy of the Notice of Petition to Administer Estate (JC Form #DE-121) showing the hearing date must be given to each person or entity entitled to notice by mail or personal delivery at least 15 days prior to the hearing, with proof of same being filed with the court (Prob. Code, § 8110, *et seq.*).

Having read the above-referenced publication and notice requirements, I hereby request a hearing date, as follows:

☐ Within 15-30 days from date of filing.

☐ Within 30-45 days from date of filing.

Probate Examiner Notes:

If the publication and notice or other requirements are not met before the hearing date, the Probate Examiner will enter this as a "defect" on the Probate Examiner Notes. If defects are not corrected before the hearing date, the hearing may be continued to a date exceeding 45 days from the initial hearing date.

Parties are encouraged to review the Probate Examiner Notes and correct any defects with the Probate Examiner at least **four court days** before the hearing date (SDSC 4.3.3.E & 4.3.3.O) to avoid excessive delays in estate proceedings. A copy of the Probate Examiner Notes will be available two to three weeks prior to the hearing and can be found on the court website at www.sdcourt.ca.gov (click on the Probate tab, then Examiner Notes).

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have read the foregoing and confirm the choice made above.

Date: _____

Type or print name

Signature of Petitioner

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO. (Optional): _____ EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional): _____ ATTORNEY FOR (name): _____	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101	
ESTATE OF (Name): _____, DECEDENT	
WAIVER OF BOND BY HEIR OR BENEFICIARY ☐ Attachment 3e to Petition for Probate*	CASE NUMBER: _____

NOTICE: READ PARAGRAPHS A–G BEFORE YOU SIGN

- A. A bond is a form of insurance to replace assets that may be mismanaged or stolen by the executor or administrator (the estate's **personal representative**). The cost of the bond is paid from the assets of the estate.
- B. A bond may not be required if the decedent's will admitted to probate waives a bond and the court approves.
- C. If the decedent's will does not waive bond, or if the decedent died without a will, the law ordinarily requires the personal representative to give a bond approved and ordered by the court. However, all persons eligible to receive a share of the estate may waive the requirement of a bond. If they all waive bond and the court approves, the personal representative will NOT have to give a bond.
- D. **If bond is not ordered by the court, and the estate suffers loss because the personal representative fails to properly perform the duties of the office, the loss or some part of it may not be recoverable from the personal representative. If so, your share of the estate may be partly or entirely lost.**
- E. You may waive the requirement of a bond by signing this form and delivering it to the petitioner for appointment of a personal representative or to the petitioner's attorney. Your waiver cannot be withdrawn after the court appoints the personal representative without requiring a bond. However, if you sign a waiver of bond, you may later petition the court to require a bond.
- F. A guardian ad litem or other legal representative with specific authority under law to waive bond must sign for a minor, an incapacitated person, an unascertained beneficiary, or a designated class of persons who are not ascertained or not yet in being. See Judicial Council forms DE-350 and DE-351 and Probate Code section 1003.
- G. **If you do not understand this form, do not sign it until you have asked a lawyer (who is independent of the lawyer for the proposed personal representative) to explain it to you.**

WAIVER

- I have read and understand paragraphs A through G above.
- I understand that before signing this form, I am free to consult with a lawyer of my choice concerning the possible consequences to me of waiving bond.
- I understand that I do not have to waive bond to allow the estate administration to begin or proceed, or to receive my share of the estate.
- I **WAIVE** the posting of bond in this estate by (name of personal representative): _____

Date: _____

 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF BENEFICIARY (AND AUTHORIZED SIGNER, IF BENEFICIARY IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL))

 (SIGNATURE)

***(This form may be filed as an independent form (as form DE-142) OR as Attachment 3e(2) (will) or Attachment 3e(3) (intestacy) to the Petition for Probate (form DE-111) (as form DE-111(A-3e).)**

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO. (Optional): EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional): ATTORNEY FOR (Name):	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101	
ESTATE OF (Name): _____ DECEDENT	
DUTIES AND LIABILITIES OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and Acknowledgment of Receipt	CASE NUMBER: _____

DUTIES AND LIABILITIES OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

When the court appoints you as personal representative of an estate, you become an officer of the court and assume certain duties and obligations. An attorney is best qualified to advise you about these matters. You should understand the following:

1. MANAGING THE ESTATE'S ASSETS

a. Prudent investments

You must manage the estate assets with the care of a prudent person dealing with someone else's property. This means that you must be cautious and may not make any speculative investments.

b. Keep estate assets separate

You must keep the money and property in this estate separate from anyone else's, including your own. When you open a bank account for the estate, the account name must indicate that it is an estate account and not your personal account. Never deposit estate funds in your personal account or otherwise mix them with your or anyone else's property. Securities in the estate must also be held in a name that shows they are estate property and not your personal property.

c. Interest-bearing accounts and other investments

Except for checking accounts intended for ordinary administration expenses, estate accounts must earn interest. You may deposit estate funds in insured accounts in financial institutions, but you should consult with an attorney before making other kinds of investments.

d. Other restrictions

There are many other restrictions on your authority to deal with estate property. You should not spend any of the estate's money unless you have received permission from the court or have been advised to do so by an attorney. You may reimburse yourself for official court costs paid by you to the county clerk and for the premium on your bond. Without prior order of the court, you may not pay fees to yourself or to your attorney, if you have one. If you do not obtain the court's permission when it is required, you may be removed as personal representative or you may be required to reimburse the estate from your own personal funds, or both. You should consult with an attorney concerning the legal requirements affecting sales, leases, mortgages, and investments of estate property.

2. INVENTORY OF ESTATE PROPERTY

a. Locate the estate's property

You must attempt to locate and take possession of all the decedent's property to be administered in the estate.

b. Determine the value of the property

You must arrange to have a court-appointed referee determine the value of the property unless the appointment is waived by the court. You, rather than the referee, must determine the value of certain "cash items." An attorney can advise you about how to do this.

c. File an inventory and appraisal

Within four months after Letters are first issued to you as personal representative, you must file with the court an inventory and appraisal of all the assets in the estate.

ESTATE OF (Name): DECEDENT	CASE NUMBER:
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d. File a change of ownership

At the time you file the inventory and appraisal, you must also file a change of ownership statement with the county recorder or assessor in each county where the decedent owned real property at the time of death, as provided in section 480 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

3. NOTICE TO CREDITORS

You must mail a notice of administration to each known creditor of the decedent within four months after your appointment as personal representative. If the decedent received Medi-Cal assistance, you must notify the State Director of Health Services within 90 days after appointment.

4. INSURANCE

You should determine that there is appropriate and adequate insurance covering the assets and risks of the estate. Maintain the insurance in force during the entire period of the administration.

5. RECORD KEEPING

a. Keep accounts

You must keep complete and accurate records of each financial transaction affecting the estate. You will have to prepare an account of all money and property you have received, what you have spent, and the date of each transaction. You must describe in detail what you have left after the payment of expenses.

b. Court review

Your account will be reviewed by the court. Save your receipts because the court may ask to review them. If you do not file your accounts as required, the court will order you to do so. You may be removed as personal representative if you fail to comply.

6. CONSULTING AN ATTORNEY

If you have an attorney, you should cooperate with the attorney at all times. You and your attorney are responsible for completing the estate administration as promptly as possible. **When in doubt, contact your attorney.**

NOTICE: 1. This statement of duties and liabilities is a summary and is not a complete statement of the law. Your conduct as a personal representative is governed by the law itself and not by this summary.
 2. If you fail to perform your duties or to meet the deadlines, the court may reduce your compensation, remove you from office, and impose other sanctions.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

1. I have petitioned the court to be appointed as a personal representative.
2. My address and telephone number are (*specify*):
3. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of this statement of the duties and liabilities of the office of personal representative.

Date:

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

▶

(SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)

Date:

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

▶

(SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION: If required to do so by local court rule, you must provide your date of birth and driver's license number on supplemental Form DE-147S. (Prob. Code, § 8404(b).)

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address) : TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO. (Optional): _____ EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional): _____ ATTORNEY FOR (Name): _____	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101	
ESTATE OF (Name): _____ DECEDENT	
PROOF OF SUBSCRIBING WITNESS	CASE NUMBER: _____

1. I am one of the attesting witnesses to the instrument of which Attachment 1 is a photographic copy. I have examined Attachment 1 and my signature is on it.
 - a. ☐ The name of the decedent was signed in the presence of the attesting witnesses present at the same time by
 - (1) ☐ the decedent personally.
 - (2) ☐ another person in the decedent's presence and by the decedent's direction.
 - b. ☐ The decedent acknowledged in the presence of the attesting witnesses present at the same time that the decedent's name was signed by
 - (1) ☐ the decedent personally.
 - (2) ☐ another person in the decedent's presence and by the decedent's direction.
 - c. ☐ The decedent acknowledged in the presence of the attesting witnesses present at the same time that the instrument signed was decedent's
 - (1) ☐ will.
 - (2) ☐ codicil.
2. When I signed the instrument, I understood that it was decedent's ☐ will ☐ codicil.
3. I have no knowledge of any facts indicating that the instrument, or any part of it, was procured by duress, menace, fraud, or undue influence.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

.....
 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) ▶ _____
(SIGNATURE OF WITNESS)

.....
 (ADDRESS)

ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATION

(Check local court rules for requirements for certifying copies of wills and codicils)

I am an active member of The State Bar of California. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that Attachment 1 is a photographic copy of every page of the ☐ will ☐ codicil presented for probate.

Date:

.....
 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) ▶ _____
(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY)

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO. (Optional): _____ EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional): _____ ATTORNEY FOR (Name): _____	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101	
ESTATE OF (Name): _____ DECEDENT	
PROOF OF HOLOGRAPHIC INSTRUMENT	CASE NUMBER: _____

1. I was acquainted with the decedent for the following number of years (*specify*):
2. ☐ I was related to the decedent as (*specify*):
3. I have personal knowledge of the decedent's handwriting which I acquired as follows:
 - a. ☐ I saw the decedent write.
 - b. ☐ I saw a writing purporting to be in the decedent's handwriting and upon which decedent acted or was charged. It was (*specify*):
 - c. ☐ I received letters in the due course of mail purporting to be from the decedent in response to letters I addressed and mailed to the decedent.
 - d. ☐ Other (*specify other means of obtaining knowledge*):
4. I have examined the attached copy of the instrument, and its handwritten provisions were written by and the instrument was signed by the hand of the decedent. (*Affix a copy of the instrument as Attachment 4.*)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

.....
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)



(SIGNATURE)

.....
(ADDRESS)

ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATION

(Check local court rules for requirements for certifying copies of wills and codicils)

I am an active member of The State Bar of California. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that Attachment 4 is a photographic copy of every page of the holographic instrument presented for probate.

Date:

.....
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)



(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY)

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO. (Optional): _____ EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional): _____ ATTORNEY FOR (Name): _____	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101	
ESTATE OF (Name): _____ DECEDENT	
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF (Name):	CASE NUMBER: _____

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of *(specify all names by which the decedent was known)*:

2. A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by *(name of petitioner)*:
in the Superior Court of California, County of *(specify)*:

3. The Petition for Probate requests that *(name)*:
be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

4. ☐ The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

5. ☐ The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

6. **A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**

a. Date:	Time:	Dept.:	Room:
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 b. Address of court: ☐ same as noted above ☐ other *(specify)*:

7. **If you object** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. **If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent**, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

9. **You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

10. ☐ Petitioner ☐ Attorney for petitioner *(name)*:

(Address):

(Telephone):

NOTE: If this notice is published, print the caption, beginning with the words NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE, and do not print the information from the form above the caption. The caption and the decedent's name must be printed in at least 8-point type and the text in at least 7-point type. Print the case number as part of the caption. Print items preceded by a box only if the box is checked. Do not print the italicized instructions in parentheses, the paragraph numbers, the mailing information, or the material on page 2.

1. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this cause. I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing occurred.
2. My residence or business address is (*specify*):

- Date:

(SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM)

Address (number, street, city, state, and zip code)

1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

☐ Continued on an attachment. (You may use form DE-121(MA) to show additional persons served.)

Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available upon request if at least 5 days notice is provided. Contact the clerk's office for *Request for Accommodations by Persons With Disabilities and Order* (form MC-410). (Civil Code section 54.8.)



ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address):		FOR COURT USE ONLY
TELEPHONE NO.:	FAX NO. (Optional):	
EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional):		
ATTORNEY FOR (Name):		
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101		
IN THE MATTER OF ☐ CONSERVATORSHIP ☐ GUARDIANSHIP ☐ TRUST ☐ ESTATE:		
RESPONSE TO PROBATE NOTES		CASE NUMBER

DATE:	TIME:	DEPT:	ROA #:
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Defect(s) listed in the Probate Notes dated _____ are addressed with the submission of the following information:

1. In response to **Defect #** ____: _____

2. In response to **Defect #** ____: _____

3. In response to **Defect #** ____: _____

4. In response to **Defect #** ____: _____

5. In response to **Defect #** ____: _____

6. In response to **Defect #** ____: _____

☐ Additional information continued on attachment 1.

IN THE MATTER OF ☐ CONSERVATORSHIP ☐ GUARDIANSHIP ☐ TRUST ☐ ESTATE:

CASE NUMBER

7. ☐ One or more of the responses requires modification of the petition prayer. The entire prayer is restated as follows:

☐ continued on attachment 2.

Date: _____

Signature of Attorney

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: _____

Signature of Petitioner

Date: _____

Signature of Petitioner

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO. (Optional): EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional): ATTORNEY FOR (Name):	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101	
ESTATE OF (Name): DECEDENT	
ORDER APPOINTING ☐ Executor ☐ Administrator with Will Annexed ☐ Administrator ☐ Special Administrator ☐ Order Authorizing Independent Administration of Estate ☐ with full authority ☐ with limited authority CASE NUMBER:	
WARNING: THIS APPOINTMENT IS NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL LETTERS HAVE ISSUED.	

1. Date of hearing: _____ Time: _____ Dept./Room: _____ Judge: _____

THE COURT FINDS

2. a. All notices required by law have been given.
 b. Decedent died on (date):
 (1) ☐ a resident of the California county named above.
 (2) ☐ a nonresident of California and left an estate in the county named above.
 c. Decedent died
 (1) ☐ intestate
 (2) ☐ testate
 and decedent's will dated: _____ and each codicil dated: _____
 was admitted to probate by Minute Order on (date): _____

THE COURT ORDERS

3. (Name): _____
 is appointed **personal representative**:
 a. ☐ executor of the decedent's will
 b. ☐ administrator with will annexed
 c. ☐ administrator
 d. ☐ special administrator
 (1) ☐ with general powers
 (2) ☐ with special powers as specified in Attachment 3d(2)
 (3) ☐ without notice of hearing
 (4) ☐ letters will expire on (date): _____
 and letters shall issue on qualification.
 4. a. ☐ **Full authority** is granted to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.
 b. ☐ **Limited authority** is granted to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act (there is no authority, without court supervision, to (1) sell or exchange real property or (2) grant an option to purchase real property or (3) borrow money with the loan secured by an encumbrance upon real property).
 5. a. ☐ Bond is not required.
 b. ☐ Bond is fixed at: \$ _____ to be furnished by an authorized surety company or as otherwise provided by law.
 c. ☐ Deposits of: \$ _____ are ordered to be placed in a blocked account at (specify institution and location): _____ and receipts shall be filed. No withdrawals shall be made without a court order. ☐ Additional orders in Attachment 5c.
 d. ☐ The personal representative is not authorized to take possession of money or any other property without a specific court order.
 6. ☐ (Name): _____ is appointed probate referee.

Date: _____

7. Number of pages attached: _____

☐ SIGNATURE FOLLOWS LAST ATTACHMENT

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

ORDER FOR PROBATE

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): TELEPHONE NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional): ATTORNEY FOR (Name): FAX NO. (Optional):	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101	
ESTATE OF <i>(Name)</i> : DECEDENT	
LETTERS ☐ TESTAMENTARY ☐ OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED ☐ OF ADMINISTRATION ☐ SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION	CASE NUMBER:

LETTERS

1. ☐ The last will of the decedent named above having been proved, the court appoints *(name)*:
 - a. ☐ executor.
 - b. ☐ administrator with will annexed.

2. ☐ The court appoints *(name)*:
 - a. ☐ administrator of the decedent's estate.
 - b. ☐ special administrator of decedent's estate
 - (1) ☐ with the special powers specified in the *Order for Probate*.
 - (2) ☐ with the powers of a general administrator.
 - (3) ☐ letters will expire on *(date)*:

3. ☐ The personal representative is authorized to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act ☐ **with full authority**
☐ **with limited authority** (no authority, without court supervision, to (1) sell or exchange real property or (2) grant an option to purchase real property or (3) borrow money with the loan secured by an encumbrance upon real property).

4. ☐ The personal representative is not authorized to take possession of money or any other property without a specific court order.

WITNESS, clerk of the court, with seal of the court affixed.

(SEAL)

Date:

Clerk, by

(DEPUTY)

AFFIRMATION

1. ☐ PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR: No affirmation required (Prob. Code, § 7621(c)).
2. ☐ INDIVIDUAL: I **solemnly affirm** that I will perform the duties of personal representative according to law.
3. ☐ INSTITUTIONAL FIDUCIARY *(name)*:

I **solemnly affirm** that the institution will perform the duties of personal representative according to law. I make this affirmation for myself as an individual and on behalf of the institution as an officer.
(Name and title):

4. Executed on *(date)*:
 at *(place)*: _____, California.

(SIGNATURE)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this document is a correct copy of the original on file in my office and the letters issued the personal representative appointed above have not been revoked, annulled, or set aside, and are still in full force and effect.

(SEAL)

Date:

Clerk, by

(DEPUTY)

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO. (Optional): _____ EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional): _____ ATTORNEY FOR (Name): _____	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101	
ESTATE OF (Name): _____ ☐ DECEDENT ☐ CONSERVATEE ☐ MINOR	
INVENTORY AND APPRAISAL ☐ Partial No.: ☐ Final ☐ Supplemental ☐ Corrected ☐ Reappraisal for Sale ☐ Property Tax Certificate	CASE NUMBER: _____ Date of Death of Decedent or of Appointment of Guardian or Conservator: _____

APPRAISALS

1. Total appraisal by representative, guardian, or conservator (Attachment 1): \$ _____
2. Total appraisal by referee (Attachment 2): \$ _____
- TOTAL: \$ _____**

DECLARATION OF REPRESENTATIVE, GUARDIAN, CONSERVATOR, OR SMALL ESTATE CLAIMANT

3. Attachments 1 and 2 together with all prior inventories filed contain a true statement of
☐ all ☐ a portion of the estate that has come to my knowledge or possession, including particularly all money and all just claims the estate has against me. I have truly, honestly, and impartially appraised to the best of my ability each item set forth in Attachment 1.
4. ☐ No probate referee is required ☐ by order of the court dated (*specify*): _____
5. **Property tax certificate.** I certify that the requirements of Revenue and Taxation Code section 480
- ☐ are not applicable because the decedent owned no real property in California at the time of death.
 - ☐ have been satisfied by the filing of a change of ownership statement with the county recorder or assessor of each county in California in which the decedent owned property at the time of death.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: _____

 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME; INCLUDE TITLE IF CORPORATE OFFICER)

 (SIGNATURE)

STATEMENT ABOUT THE BOND

(Complete in all cases. Must be signed by attorney for fiduciary, or by fiduciary without an attorney.)

6. ☐ Bond is waived, or the sole fiduciary is a corporate fiduciary or an exempt government agency.
7. ☐ Bond filed in the amount of: \$ _____ ☐ Sufficient ☐ Insufficient
8. ☐ Receipts for: \$ _____ have been filed with the court for deposits in a blocked account at (*specify institution and location*): _____

Date: _____

 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

 (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY)

ESTATE OF (Name): _____	CASE NUMBER: _____
☐ DECEDENT ☐ CONSERVATEE ☐ MINOR	

DECLARATION OF PROBATE REFEREE

9. I have truly, honestly, and impartially appraised to the best of my ability each item set forth in Attachment 2.
 10. A true account of my commission and expenses actually and necessarily incurred pursuant to my appointment is:

Statutory commission: \$

Expenses (*specify*): \$**TOTAL:** \$

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

_____ (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)		_____ (SIGNATURE OF REFEREE)
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INSTRUCTIONS

(See Probate Code sections 2610-2616, 8801, 8804, 8852, 8905, 8960, 8961, and 8963 for additional instructions.)

1. See Probate Code section 8850 for items to be included in the inventory.
2. If the minor or conservatee is or has been during the guardianship or conservatorship confined in a state hospital under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Mental Health or the State Department of Developmental Services, mail a copy to the director of the appropriate department in Sacramento. (Prob. Code, § 2611.)
3. The representative, guardian, conservator, or small estate claimant shall list on Attachment 1 and appraise as of the date of death of the decedent or the date of appointment of the guardian or conservator, at fair market value, moneys, currency, cash items, bank accounts and amounts on deposit with each financial institution (as defined in Probate Code section 40), and the proceeds of life and accident insurance policies and retirement plans payable upon death in lump sum amounts to the estate, except items whose fair market value is, in the opinion of the representative, an amount different from the ostensible value or specified amount.
4. The representative, guardian, conservator, or small estate claimant shall list in Attachment 2 all other assets of the estate which shall be appraised by the referee.
5. If joint tenancy and other assets are listed for appraisal purposes only and not as part of the probate estate, they must be separately listed on additional attachments and their value excluded from the total valuation of Attachments 1 and 2.
6. Each attachment should conform to the format approved by the Judicial Council. (*See Inventory and Appraisal Attachment* (form DE-161/GC-041) and Cal. Rules of Court, rules 2.100—2.119.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF

(NAME)

DECEDENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

1. (Name):

(Address):

(Telephone):

is the **personal representative** of the **ESTATE OF** (name):

, who is deceased.

2. The personal representative HAS BEGUN ADMINISTRATION of the decedent's estate in the

a. **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF** (specify):

STREET ADDRESS:

MAILING ADDRESS:

CITY AND ZIP CODE:

BRANCH NAME:

b. Case number (specify):

3. You must **FILE YOUR CLAIM** with the court clerk (address in item 2a) AND mail or deliver a copy to the personal representative before the **last to occur** of the following dates:

a. **four months** after (date): , the date letters (authority to act for the estate) were first issued to a general personal representative, as defined in subdivision (b) of section 58 of the California Probate Code, **OR**

b. **60 days** after (date): , the date this notice was mailed or personally delivered to you.

4. **LATE CLAIMS:** If you do not file your claim within the time required by law, you must file a petition with the court for permission to file a late claim as provided in Probate Code section 9103. Not all claims are eligible for additional time to file. See section 9103(a).

EFFECT OF OTHER LAWS: Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

WHERE TO GET A CREDITOR'S CLAIM FORM: If a *Creditor's Claim* (form DE-172) did not accompany this notice, you may obtain a copy of the form from any superior court clerk or from the person who sent you this notice. You may also access a fillable version of the form on the Internet at www.courts.ca.gov/forms under the form group Probate—Decedents' Estates. A letter to the court stating your claim is *not* sufficient.

FAILURE TO FILE A CLAIM: Failure to file a claim with the court and serve a copy of the claim on the personal representative will in most instances invalidate your claim.

IF YOU MAIL YOUR CLAIM: If you use the mail to file your claim with the court, for your protection you should send your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested. If you use the mail to serve a copy of your claim on the personal representative, you should also use certified mail.

Note: To assist the creditor and the court, please send a blank copy of the *Creditor's Claim* form with this notice.

(Proof of Service by Mail on reverse)

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DECEDENT

PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL

- I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

 _____
(SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

[illegible]

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

*** NOTE:** To assist the creditor and the court, please send a blank copy of the Creditor's Claim (form DE-172) with the notice.

Probate Code § 9000 et seq.,
9250–9256, 9353
www.courtinfo.ca.gov

ESTATE OF (Name): DECEDENT	CASE NUMBER:
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PROOF OF ☐ MAILING ☐ PERSONAL DELIVERY TO CREDITOR

1. At the time of mailing or personal delivery I was at least 18 years of age and **not a party** to this proceeding.
2. My residence or business address is (*specify*):

3. I mailed or personally delivered a copy of the *Allowance or Rejection of Creditor's Claim* as follows (*complete either a or b*):
 - a. ☐ **Mail.** I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing occurred.
 - (1) I enclosed a copy in an envelope AND
 - (a) ☐ **deposited** the sealed envelope with the United States Postal Service with the postage fully prepaid.
 - (b) ☐ **placed** the envelope for collection and mailing on the date and at the place shown in items below following our ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with this business's practice for collecting and processing correspondence for mailing. On the same day that correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid.
 - (2) The envelope was addressed and mailed first-class as follows:
 - (a) Name of creditor served:
 - (b) Address on envelope:

 - (c) Date of mailing:
 - (d) Place of mailing (*city and state*):
 - b. ☐ **Personal delivery.** I personally delivered a copy to the creditor as follows:
 - (1) Name of creditor served:
 - (2) Address where delivered:

 - (3) Date delivered:
 - (4) Time delivered:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF DECLARANT)

▶

(SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): TELEPHONE NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (Name): FAX NO. (Optional):	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101	
ESTATE OF _____	
PETITION FOR FINAL DISTRIBUTION OF DECEDENT'S ESTATE: ☐ Account ☐ Waiver of Account ☐ Payment of Statutory Fees ☐ Payment of Extraordinary Fees ☐ Reimbursement of Costs ☐ Reserve ☐ Extension of Letters ☐ Other Orders	CASE NUMBER _____

1. Petitioner(s) (name, address, and relationship to decedent) _____

2. Decedent died ☐ testate ☐ intestate on _____ (date).

3. Petitioner was appointed ☐ Executor ☐ Administrator with Will Annexed ☐ Administrator ☐ Special Administrator with General Powers on _____ (date).

4. ☐ Will dated _____ ☐ and Codicil(s) dated _____ were admitted to Probate by order of this court.

5. ☐ Petitioner was authorized to administer the estate with ☐ full ☐ limited authority under the Independent Administration of Estate Act ("IAEA").

6. Petitioner's report covers the period of _____ (date of death) through _____ (date).

7. a. ☐ **ACCOUNT:** Summary of Account and accounting schedules are attached as *Attachment 7a*.
 b. ☐ **WAIVER OF ACCOUNT:** All beneficiaries/heirs waive the requirement of an accounting. Signed waivers ☐ are submitted herewith ☐ will be filed prior to the hearing.

8. a. More than four months have elapsed since issuance of Letters and reasonable efforts were made to identify creditors of the estate. **The time for filing and presenting creditor's claims has expired.**
 b. Notice of Administration to Creditors (JC Form #DE-157) ☐ was given to all known creditors within four months after Letters (JC Form #DE-157) were first issued or within 30 days after the personal representative first had knowledge of the creditor ☐ was not required as there were no creditors.

9. a. ☐ Other than taxes or creditor claims addressed in this petition, petitioner has no reason to believe any public entity listed in Probate Code section 9201 has basis for making a claim against the estate.
 b. ☐ Notice pursuant to Probate Code section 9201 was sent as follows:

Agency	Date Mailed
☐ State Board of Equalization	
☐ Department of State Hospitals	
☐ Employment Development Department	

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10. a. ☐ Decedent did not receive and/or was not the surviving spouse/registered domestic partner of a person who received Medi-Cal benefits. **Notice to California Department of Health Care Services was not required.**
- b. ☐ Notice required by Probate Code section 9202(a) was sent to the California Department of Health Care Services on _____ (date), with a copy of the required death certificate(s).
11. a. ☐ Petitioner knows of no heir that is or has previously been confined in a prison or facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Youth Authority or confined in any county jail, road camp, industrial farm, or other local correctional facility. **Notice to California Victim Compensation Board was not required.**
- b. ☐ Notice required by Probate Code section 9202(b) was given to the California Victims Compensation Board on _____ (date).
12. Notice required by Probate Code section 9202(c) was given to the Franchise Tax Board on _____ (date).
13. a. ☐ Decedent did not have any child support obligations owed and there is no reason to believe any existed. **Notice to Department of Child Support Services was not required.**
- b. ☐ Notice required by Probate Code section 9202(e) was given to the Department of Child Support Services on _____ (date). ☐ Notice was not required because Letters (JC Form #DE-157) were issued before January 1, 2026.
14. The names and address of all persons entitled to notice, including those who submitted a Request for Special Notice (JC Form #DE-154/GC-035), are as follows:

Name	Address

☐ Continued attachment 14.

15. a. ☐ Probate Referee fees paid on _____ (date).
- b. ☐ All costs of administration were paid, except closing expenses and fees. The estate is in a condition to close.
- c. ☐ At all times during administration, all surplus cash was held in interest-bearing accounts. ☐ There was no cash.
- d. ☐ No compensation has been paid from assets to the personal representative(s) or attorney(s) without court order.
- e. The estate is ☐ solvent ☐ insolvent.
16. The following Inventory and Appraisal(s) (JC Form #DE-160) have been filed with the court:

Date Filed	Type	Amount
	☐ Partial No. _____ ☐ Final ☐ Supplemental ☐ Corrected/Amended	
	☐ Partial No. _____ ☐ Final ☐ Supplemental ☐ Corrected/Amended	
	☐ Partial No. _____ ☐ Final ☐ Supplemental ☐ Corrected/Amended	
Total Inventory and Appraisal Value:		

☐ Continued attachment 16.

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17. The estate consists of ☐ separate ☐ community ☐ quasi-community property.

18. a. ☐ No family or affiliate relationship exists between petitioner and any agent hired during administration.

b. ☐ The following family or affiliates were hired:

Name	Capacity Retained	Relationship

☐ Continued attachment 18.

19. a. ☐ No Creditor's Claim(s) (JC Form #DE-172) has been filed.

b. ☐ The following Creditor's Claim(s) (JC Form #DE-172) was filed:

Date Filed	Claimant	Claim Amount	Amount Allowed	Amount Denied	Date Allowed / Denied	Lawsuit Filed
						☐ Yes ☐ No
						☐ Yes ☐ No
						☐ Yes ☐ No
						☐ Yes ☐ No
						☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Continued attachment 19.

20. ☐ The following written demands for payment were received within four months after Letters (JC Form #DE-157) were first issued and were treated as filed claims and paid before the expiration of 30 days after the four-month period. The debts were justly due, paid in good faith, the amounts paid were the true amounts of the indebtedness over and above all payments and offsets, and the estate is solvent.

Date Paid	Payee	Description	Amount

☐ Continued attachment 20.

21. a. ☐ No actions were taken without prior court approval for which notice of proposed action was required.

b. ☐ Petitioner took the following action(s) without court approval for which notice of proposed action was required.

Nature of Action	Date Action Taken	Notice Given (Name & Date)	Notice Waived (Name & Date)	Objections Received (Name & Date)

☐ Continued attachment 21.

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22. ☐ No federal or state estate taxes are due or payable by the estate.
23. ☐ No personal property taxes are due or payable by the estate.
24. a. ☐ No California or federal income taxes are due or payable by the estate.
 b. ☐ A final income tax return will be filed ☐ and any taxes due will be paid by the reserve requested at item 28.
25. a. Statutory fee due to personal representative(s) ☐ _____ (amount) ☐ **WAIVED**.
 b. Statutory fee due to attorney(s) ☐ _____ (amount) ☐ **WAIVED**.
 c. Statutory fees are calculated as follows:

(1) Total Inventory Value _____ + _____ (2) Receipts* _____ + _____ (3) Gains on Sales* _____ - _____ (4) Losses on Sales** _____		4% of the first \$100,000 _____ 3% of the next \$100,000 _____ 2% of the next \$800,000 _____ 1% of the next \$9,000,000 _____ .5% of the next \$15,000,000 _____
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Total Calculation of Estate

Total Statutory Compensation

* If including receipts/gains in calculation, schedules must be attached. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 7.550(b)(6))

** Losses, if any, must be included in calculation and schedules attached, even if accounting is waived.

26. a. ☐ Extraordinary fee due to personal representative(s) _____ (amount).
 b. ☐ Extraordinary fee due to attorney(s) _____ (amount).
Note: Fee Declaration(s) required by SDSC Local Rules, rule 4.16.2C.4 must be filed if requesting extraordinary fees.
27. a. ☐ Reimbursement of costs to personal representative(s) for (itemized description) _____
 _____ in the amount of _____.
 b. ☐ Reimbursement of costs to attorney(s) for (itemized description) _____
 _____ in the amount of _____.
28. ☐ Reserve to be withheld for ☐ taxes/tax preparation fees ☐ closing expenses ☐ County Recorder fees ☐ other:
 _____ in the amount of _____.
Note: A supplemental accounting will be required prior to discharge if the accounting is not waived and more than \$5,000 is withheld.
29. Letters (JC Form #DE-157) expire(d) on _____ (date). ☐ Petitioner requests they be extended to
 _____ (date).
30. ☐ The following preliminary distribution(s) have been made:

Date of Court Approval	Name of Recipient	Asset Description	Date Receipt(s) Filed

☐ Continued attachment 30.

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31. Assets on hand at the end of report period:

Total Value of Non-Cash Assets on Hand: _____

Total Value of Cash Assets on Hand: _____

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Statutory Fees: _____

Extraordinary Fees: _____

Reimbursement of Costs: _____

Reserve: _____

Remaining Cash Assets for Distribution:

32. a. ☐ Distribution should be made by intestate succession as follows (name of each heir and relationship to decedent):

☐ Continued attachment 32a.

b. ☐ Distribution should be made pursuant to decedent's Will/Codicil(s) as follows (verbatim dispositive provisions):

☐ Continued attachment 32b.

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33. ☐ Additional information (allegations, requests, etc.):

☐ Continued attachment 33.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for an order of this court as follows:

1. The report and ☐ account ☐ waiver of account of personal representative is approved.
2. All acts of petitioner as personal representative, as reported to the Court, are approved.
3. a. ☐ Payment to personal representative in the amount of _____, for statutory fees.
 b. ☐ Payment to attorney _____ (name) in the amount of _____, for statutory fees.
4. a. ☐ Payment to petitioner in the amount of _____ for extraordinary fees.
 b. ☐ Payment to attorney _____ (name) in the amount of _____, for extraordinary fees.
5. a. ☐ Reimbursement of costs to personal representative in the amount of _____.
 b. ☐ Reimbursement of costs to attorney (name) _____ in the amount of _____.
6. ☐ Withholding of a reserve in the amount of _____.
7. ☐ Letters (JC Form #DE-157) extended to expire on _____ (date).
8. ☐ Other orders:

☐ Continued attachment A.

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9. Distribution of the assets of the estate is approved as follows: (Include name and relationship of each heir/beneficiary and description of each asset being distributed. If real property, include the address, legal description, and assessor's parcel number.)

☐ Continued attachment B.

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10. Distribution of any property of the estate acquired or discovered after the court order for final distribution is made, including any unused portion of the reserve, if any, is approved as follows:

☐ Continued attachment C.

Date: _____

Type or print name

Signature of Attorney

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: _____

Type or print name

Signature of Petitioner

Type or print name

Signature of Petitioner

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO. (Optional): EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional): ATTORNEY FOR (name):	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101	
☐ ESTATE OF (name): ☐ IN THE MATTER OF (name): ☐ DECEDENT ☐ TRUST ☐ OTHER	
NOTICE OF HEARING—DECEDENT'S ESTATE OR TRUST	CASE NUMBER:
<i>This notice is required by law. You are not required to appear in court, but you may attend the hearing and object or respond if you wish. If you do not respond or attend the hearing, the court may act on the filing without you.</i>	

1. NOTICE is given that (name):
 (fiduciary or representative capacity, if any):
 has filed a petition, application, report, or account (specify complete title and briefly describe):*

☐ The filing is a report of the status of a decedent's estate administration made under Probate Code section 12200. See the NOTICE below.

Please refer to the filed documents for more information about the case. (Some documents filed with the court are confidential.)

2. A HEARING on the matter described in 1 will be held as follows:

Hearing Date	→ Date:	Time:	Name and address of court, if different from above:
	Dept.:	Room:	

NOTICE

If the filing described in 1 is a report of the status of a decedent's estate administration made under Probate Code section 12200,
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PETITION FOR AN ACCOUNTING
UNDER SECTION 10950 OF THE PROBATE CODE.



Requests for Accommodations

Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five days before the hearing. Contact the clerk's office or go to www.courts.ca.gov/forms for *Request for Accommodations by Persons With Disabilities and Response* (form MC-410). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)

* Do **not** use this form to give notice of a petition to administer an estate (see Prob. Code, § 8100, and use form DE-121), notice of a hearing in a guardianship or conservatorship case (see Prob. Code, §§ 1511 and 1822, and use form GC-020), or notice of a hearing on a petition to determine a claim to property (see Prob. Code, § 851, and use form DE-115/GC-015).

☐ ESTATE OF (name): ☐ IN THE MATTER OF (name):	CASE NUMBER:
☐ DECEDENT ☐ TRUST ☐ OTHER	

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

1. I certify that I am not a party to this cause.
2. A copy of the foregoing *Notice of Hearing—Decedent's Estate or Trust*
 - a. was posted at (address):

b. was posted on (date):

Date: _____ Clerk, by _____, Deputy

PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL*

1. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this cause. I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing occurred.
2. My residence or business address is (specify):

3. I served the foregoing *Notice of Hearing—Decedent's Estate or Trust* on each person named below by enclosing a copy in an envelope addressed as shown below AND
 - a. ☐ **depositing** the sealed envelope on the date and at the place shown in item 4 with the U.S. Postal Service with the postage fully prepaid.
 - b. ☐ **placing** the envelope for collection and mailing on the date and at the place shown in item 4 following our ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with this business's practice for collecting and processing correspondence for mailing. On the same day that correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid.
4. a. Date mailed:
- b. Place mailed (city, state):
5. ☐ I served with the *Notice of Hearing—Decedent's Estate or Trust* a copy of the petition or other document referred to in item 1 of the Notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: _____

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH PERSON TO WHOM NOTICE WAS MAILED

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address (street & number, city, state, zip code)</u>
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☐ Continued on an attachment. (You may use Attachment to Notice of Hearing Proof of Service by Mail, form DE-120(MA)/GC-020(MA), for this purpose.)

* Do **not** use this form for proof of personal service. You may use form DE-120(P) to prove personal service of this Notice.

1. Petitioner is the ☐ personal representative ☐ conservator ☐ guardian of the estate of the above-named decedent, conservatee, or minor. Petitioner has distributed or transferred all property of the estate as required by the final order ☐ and all preliminary orders for distribution or liquidation filed in this proceeding on (specify date each order was filed):
2. All required acts of distribution or liquidation have been performed as follows (check all that apply):
 - a. ☐ All personal property, including money, stocks, bonds, and other securities, has been delivered or transferred to the distributees or transferees as ordered by the court. The receipts of all distributees or transferees are now on file or are filed with this petition. Conformed copies of all receipts previously filed are attached on Attachment 2.
 - b. ☐ No personal property is on hand for distribution or transfer.
 - c. ☐ Real property was distributed or transferred. The order for distribution or transfer of the real property; the personal representative's, conservator's, or guardian's deed; or both, were recorded as follows (specify documents recorded, dates and locations of recording, and document numbers or other appropriate recording information):
 - d. ☐ No real property is on hand for distribution or transfer.
 - e. ☐ No receipts are required because Petitioner is the sole distributee.
 - f. ☐ The minor named above attained the age of majority on (date):

3. Petitioner requests discharge as personal representative, conservator, or guardian of the estate.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER)

(SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)

THE COURT FINDS that the facts stated in the foregoing *Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge* are true.

THE COURT ORDERS that *(name)*:

is discharged as ☐ personal representative ☐ conservator ☐ guardian of the estate of the above-named decedent, conservatee, or minor, and sureties are discharged and released from liability for all acts subsequent hereto.

Date:

JUDICIAL OFFICER

 SIGNATURE FOLLOWS LAST ATTACHMENT.