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SMALL ESTATE AFFIDAVIT

This form packet contains these documents:

1. Small Estate Affidavit
2. Affidavit of Disinterested Person (2)
3. Order

Steps to Follow:

1. **Prepare the [Small Estate Affidavit](#).** When preparing these forms, the “Decedent” is the person who is deceased. It is perfectly all right to hand-write on the forms.
2. **Each Distributee must sign the Affidavit in front of a Notary Public.** DO NOT sign the Affidavit UNTIL you are in front of the Notary.
3. **You will need TWO disinterested people to sign [Affidavits of Disinterested Person](#).** A disinterested person is anyone who is not less than 18 years of age, is not related to the decedent, and is not a party to or interested in the outcome of this suit.
4. **File the Small Estate Affidavit and both Affidavits of Disinterested Person** with the Clerk of the Probate Court on the first floor of the courthouse located at 710 James Bowie Drive in New Boston. Give the Clerk the [Order](#) for the judge to sign.

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Case No. _____

In the Estate of

_____,

[Decedent's name]

Deceased

In the Probate Court

Bowie County, Texas

SMALL ESTATE AFFIDAVIT

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THIS COURT:

_____ [name of 1st applicant], who resides at:

[address], _____ [city], _____ [state] _____

[zip code]

And

_____ [name of 2nd applicant], who resides at:

[address], _____ [city], _____ [state] _____

[zip code]

And

_____ [name of 3rd applicant], who resides at:

[address], _____ [city], _____ [state] _____

[zip code]

And

_____ [name of 4th applicant], who resides at:

[address], _____ [city], _____ [state] _____

[zip code]

as Applicant(s)/Distributee(s), furnish the following information to the Court concerning the death and heirship of _____ [decedent's name]:

1. He/she died on _____ [date of passing] in _____ [city], _____ [county], _____ [state] at the age of _____ [age] years.
2. His/her last 4 of SSN was _____ [last 4 of Social Security no.].
3. He/she was domiciled and had a fixed place of residence in this county at:

[address], _____ [city], Texas _____ [zip code]
and/or the principal part of the estate was in this County at the time of death.

- 4. No application for the appointment of a personal representative of this estate is pending or has been granted.
- 5. He/she died intestate (without a will).
- 6. Thirty (30) days, or more, have elapsed since the death.
- 7. The value of the entire assets of the estate as of the date of death, not including homestead and exempt property, does not exceed \$75,000.00, and those non-exempt assets exceed the known liabilities of the estate.
- 8. The known ASSETS and LIABILITIES of the estate are as follows:

ASSETS

[The assets list should include complete descriptions of all property and should indicate whether property is separate or community, whether property is exempt, and whether the property was homestead property.]

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LIABILITIES

[The liability list should include a complete description of all debts, and should indicate whether the debt was community or separate.]

| CREDITOR | AMOUNT OF CLAIM |
|----------|-----------------|
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[Select one of the following by placing a check mark.
Strike through those not selected.]

- _____ 9. He/she was married to _____ [name of decedent’s spouse] at the time of death.
- _____ 9. He/she was never married.
- _____ 9. He/she was not married at the time of death, but was previously married to _____ [name of prior spouse].

[Select one of the following by placing a check mark.
Strike through those not selected.]

- _____ 10. He/she had no children.
- _____ 10. He/she had children whose names are:

[name(s) of child(ren)].

11. The names and addresses of the Distributees and heirs of the money and property of the estate and their right to receive the assets of the estate is/are:

DISTRIBUTEES

[The distributee list should include a complete listing of all Distributees, their residence addresses, relationship to the Decedent, and their respective right to receive the money, property, or other rights of the estate as are found to exist. The list should also identify any Distributees who are minors or under a guardianship.]

Name of 1st Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Share of Estate: _____

Relationship: _____ Age: _____

Name of 2nd Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Share of Estate: _____

Relationship: _____ Age: _____

Name of 3rd Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Share of Estate: _____

Relationship: _____ Age: _____

Name of 4th Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Share of Estate: _____

Relationship: _____ Age: _____

Applicant(s)/Distributee(s) affirm that the facts contained in this Affidavit are true.

Applicant(s)/Distributee(s) pray that this Affidavit and Application be filed in the Small Estate Records; that the same be approved by the Court; and that the Clerk issue certified copies thereof in order to allow Applicant(s)/Distributee(s) to receive or to take custody or possession of the property of the estate, or to have evidences of such money, property, or other rights of the estate as are found to exist transferred to them as heirs or assignees.

[Signature of 1st Applicant]

[Typed or printed name]

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BOWIE

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on _____ [date], by
_____ [name of 1st Applicant].

[Signature of Notary Public]

[Typed or printed name]

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
My commission expires: _____

[Signature of 2nd Applicant]

[Typed or printed name]

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BOWIE

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on _____ [date], by
_____ [name of 2nd Applicant].

[Signature of Notary Public]

[Typed or printed name]

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
My commission expires: _____

[Signature of 3rd Applicant]

[Typed or printed name]

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BOWIE

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on _____ [date], by
_____ [name of 3rd Applicant].

[Signature of Notary Public]

[Typed or printed name]

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
My commission expires: _____

[Signature of 4th Applicant]

[Typed or printed name]

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BOWIE

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on _____ [date], by
_____ [name of 4th Applicant].

[Signature of Notary Public]

[Typed or printed name]

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
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In the Estate of

_____,

[Decedent's name]

Deceased

In the Probate Court

Bowie County, Texas

AFFIDAVIT OF FIRST DISINTERESTED PERSON

“I have no interest in the estate of _____ [decedent's name].

“I am not related to him/her under the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Texas.

“I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in the foregoing Affidavit. The facts contained in the foregoing Affidavit are true.”

[Signature of 1st Disinterested Person]

[Typed or printed name]

[Address & telephone no.]

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BOWIE

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on _____ [date] by

_____ [name of 1st Disinterested Person].

[Signature of Notary Public]

[Typed or printed name]

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
My commission expires: _____

Case No. _____

In the Estate of

_____,

[Decedent's name]

Deceased

In the Probate Court

Bowie County, Texas

AFFIDAVIT OF SECOND DISINTERESTED PERSON

“I have no interest in the estate of _____ [decedent's name].

“I am not related to him/her under the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Texas.

“I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in the foregoing Affidavit. The facts contained in the foregoing Affidavit are true.”

[Signature of 2nd Disinterested Person]

[Typed or printed name]

[Address & telephone no.]

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BOWIE

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on _____ [date] by

_____ [name of 2nd Disinterested Person].

[Signature of Notary Public]

[Typed or printed name]

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
My commission expires: _____

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[Decedent's name]

Deceased

In the Probate Court

Bowie County, Texas

ORDER

On this day, the Court considered the Affidavit of the Distributees of this estate, and the Affidavits of the two disinterested persons in support thereof, and the court finds the above Affidavits comply with the terms and provisions of the Texas Estates Code, that this Court has jurisdiction and venue, that this Estate qualifies under the provisions of the Estates Code as a Small Estate, and this Affidavit should be approved.

IT IS ORDERED by the Court that the foregoing Affidavit be and the same is hereby APPROVED, and shall forthwith be recorded in the Small Estates Records of this County, and the Clerk of this Court shall issue certified copies thereof to all persons entitled thereto to allow Applicant(s)/Distributee(s) to receive or to take custody or possession of the property of the estate, or to have evidences of such money, property, or other rights of the estate as are found to exist transferred to them as heirs or assignees.

SIGNED on _____ [date].

JUDGE PRESIDING