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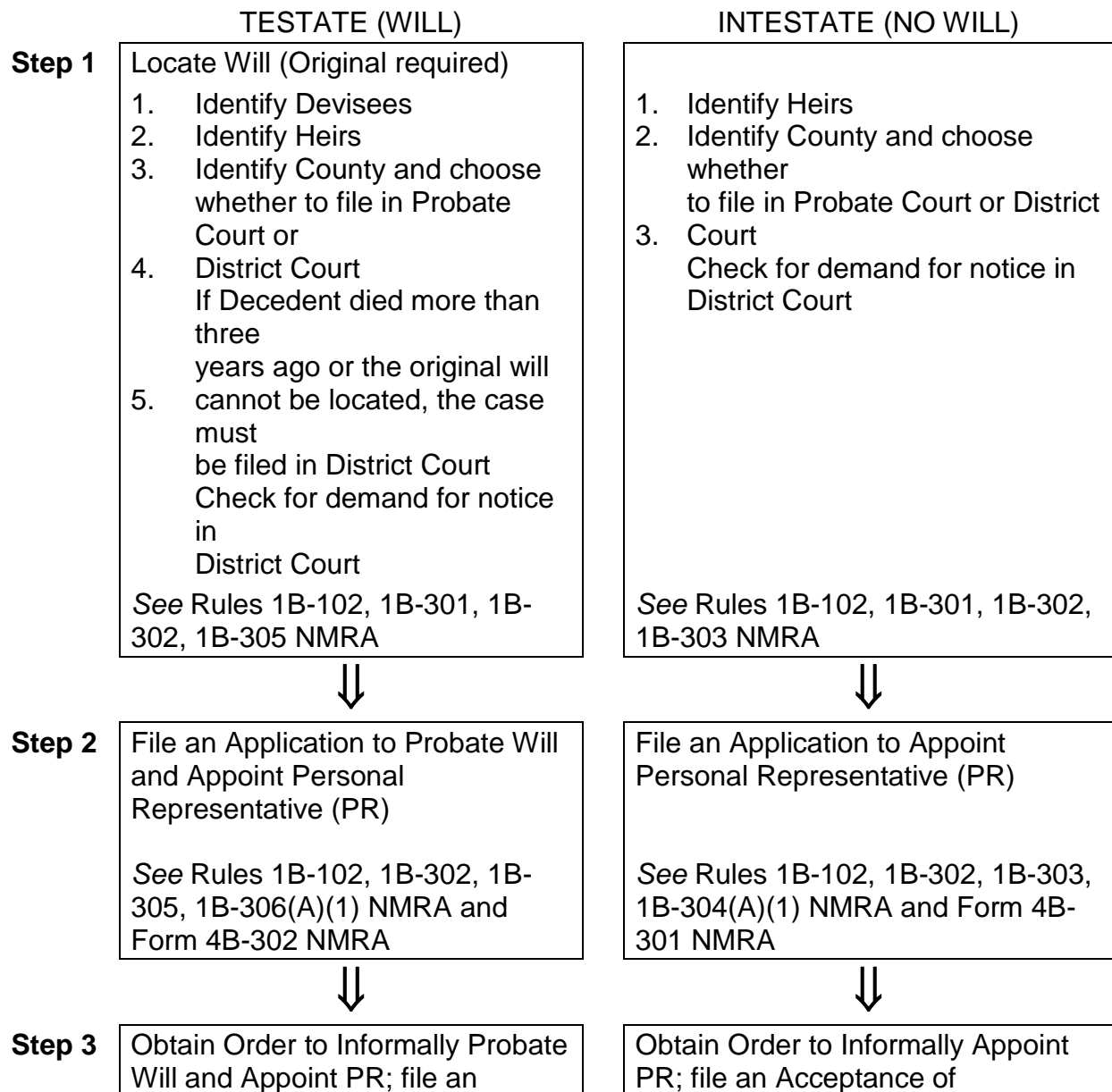
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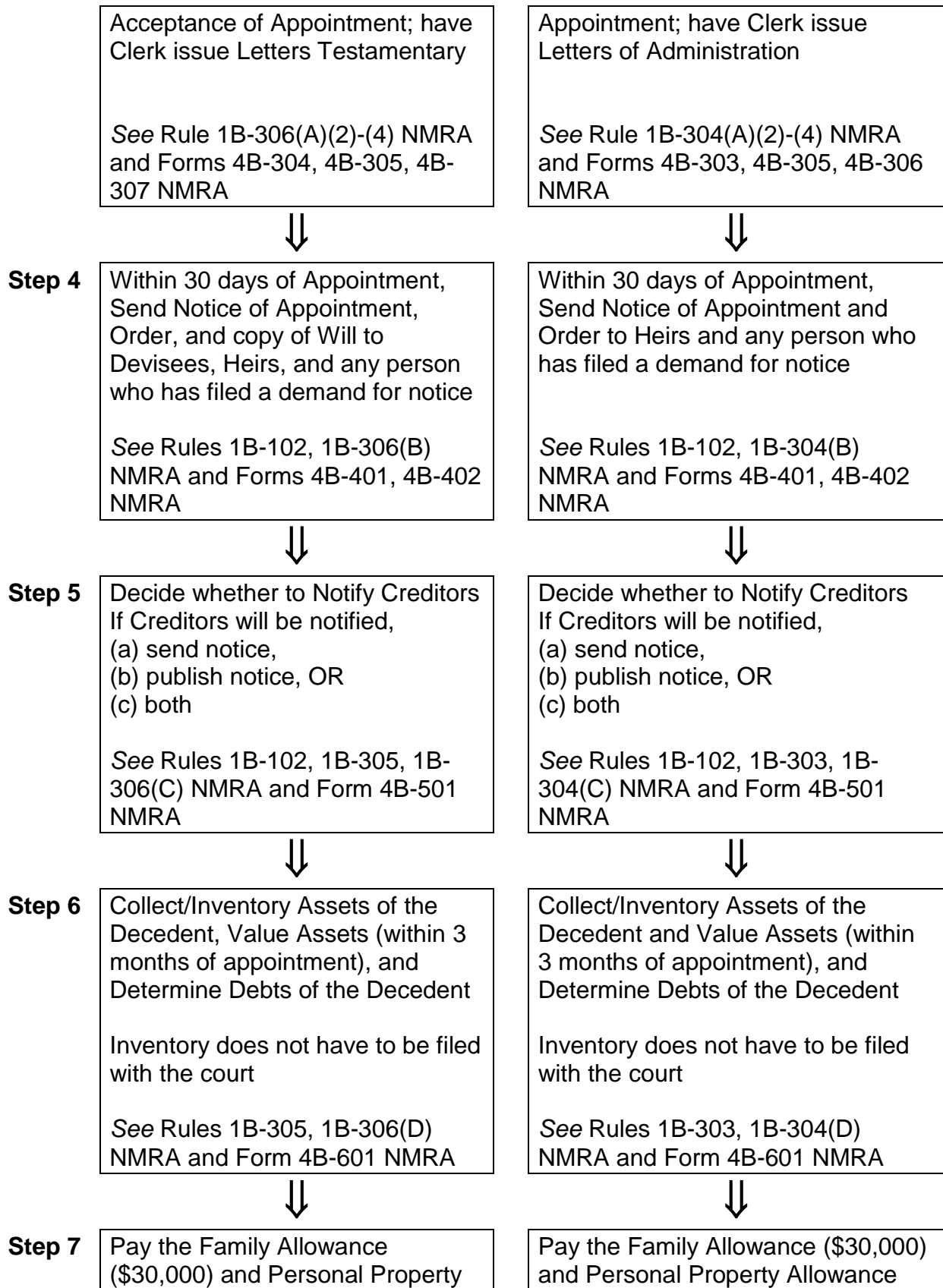
ARTICLE 1

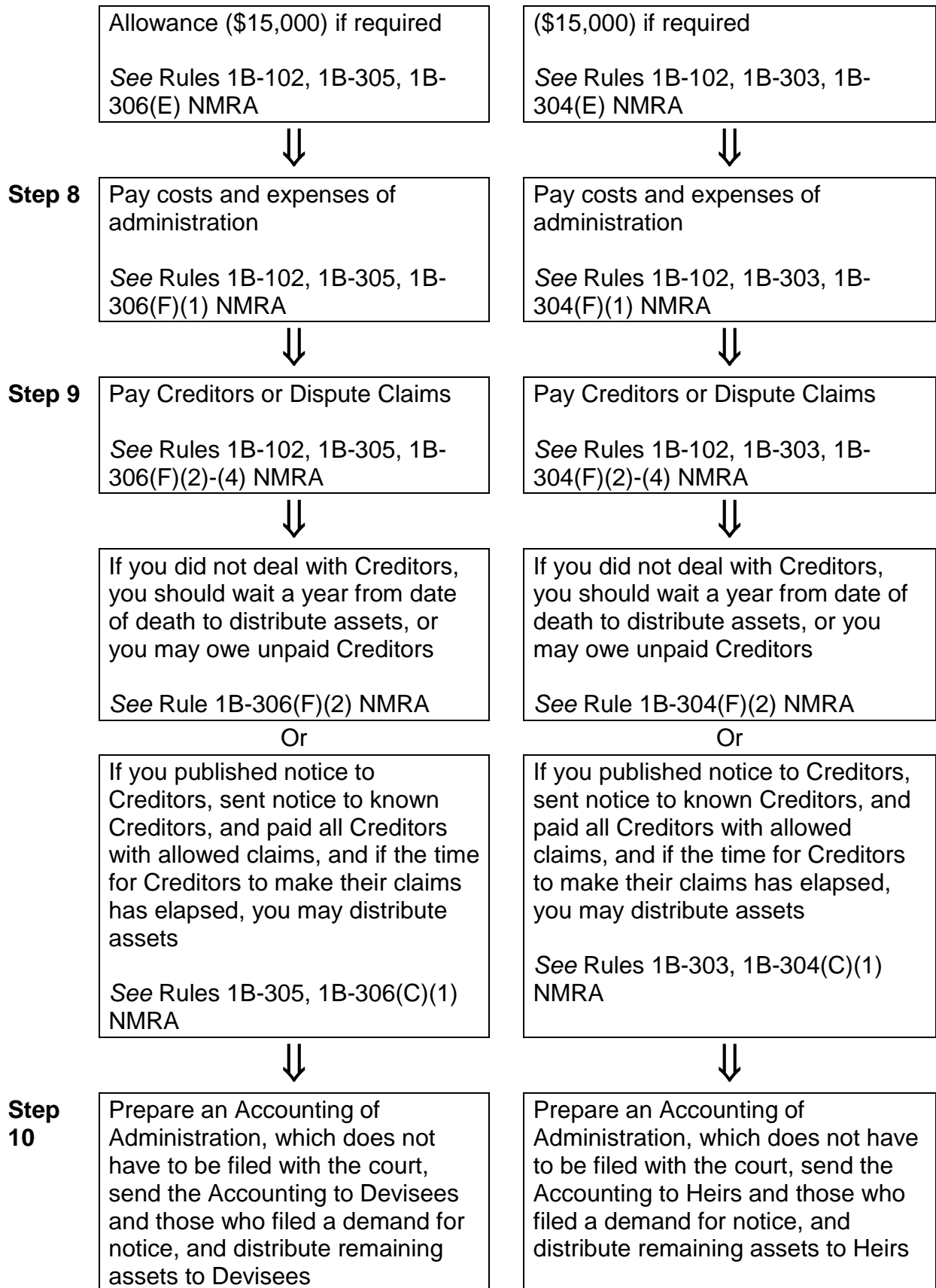
Probate Flow Chart

4B-101. Opening and closing a probate court case (Flow chart).

OPENING AND CLOSING A PROBATE COURT CASE







See Rules 1B-102, 1B-306(H)(1)
NMRA and Form 4B-602 NMRA

See Rules 1B-102, 1B-304(H)(1)
NMRA and Form 4B-602 NMRA



**Step
11**

Close probate and estate when
you meet the requirements in the
Verified Statement

See Rule 1B-306(H)(2), (3) NMRA
and Forms 4B-701, 4B-702 NMRA

Close probate and estate when you
meet the requirements in the
Verified Statement

See Rule 1B-304(H)(2), (3) NMRA
and Forms 4B-701, 4B-702 NMRA

[Adopted by Supreme Court Order No. 18-8300-014, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2018.]

ARTICLE 2

Application for Free Process and Affidavit of Indigency

4B-201. Affidavit of poverty and indigency.

[For use with Rules 1B-303 and 1B-305 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

AFFIDAVIT OF POVERTY AND INDIGENCY

I, the applicant, state that

A. I wish to start an action in the probate court of _____ County, New Mexico;

B. The estate of the decedent does not have enough funds to pay the costs of the action because the estate only has the following assets (list assets):

WHEREFORE, I ask that I not have to pay the costs of this action, including the filing fee.

I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that all of the above statements are true and correct.

Signature of applicant

Printed name

Date

Street address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

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4B-202. Order allowing free process.

[For use with Rules 1B-303 and 1B-305 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

ORDER ALLOWING FREE PROCESS

The court, having read the Affidavit of Poverty and Indigency and having considered the application, FINDS that the applicant is entitled to free process.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT

The applicant shall not pay any of the costs associated with the process of this action in this court. The applicant shall pay any costs associated with publishing notice to creditors if the applicant chooses to publish.

Probate Judge

Submitted by:

Signature of applicant

Printed name

Date

Street address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

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ARTICLE 3

Commencement of a Probate Proceeding

4B-301. Application for informal appointment of personal representative (*no will*).

[For use with Rule 1B-304 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

APPLICATION FOR INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (*NO WILL*)¹

I, _____, state that

1. I had the following relationship with _____, the person who died (*the decedent*), that qualifies me to act as personal representative of the estate of the decedent¹:

(Choose one)

(Review the priorities for appointment set out in Section 45-3-203(A) NMSA 1978 and Rule 1B-304 NMRA.)

I am the surviving spouse of the decedent.

I am one of the heirs of the estate of the decedent.

I am an interested person, including a creditor of the decedent, and forty-five (45) days have elapsed since the date of death of the decedent.

Because of this relationship, I have an interest in the estate of the decedent, and I am willing to serve as personal representative of the estate of the decedent. I am not disqualified to act as personal representative. I do not know of anyone else who is interested in serving as personal representative who has priority to serve.

(Check if applicable)

Anyone who has equal or higher priority to serve has consented below to my appointment by signing this form.

2. The decedent died on _____ (date), at the age of _____. At death, the decedent

(Choose one)

lived in _____ County, New Mexico.

did not live in New Mexico, but lived in _____ County, State of _____ and owned property in _____ County, New Mexico.

3. I have carefully searched for all of the names and addresses of the decedent's spouse, children, and other heirs [including myself].² I have discovered the following information:

Name	Address	Relationship to Decedent	Age (if minor)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

4. I have looked carefully and thoroughly for a will of the decedent and did not find one. I believe that the decedent died without a will.

5. A personal representative has not been appointed in New Mexico or anywhere else.

6. I do not know of any other probate action either in New Mexico or anywhere else.

7. (Choose one)

I have checked with the district court clerk about a demand for notice and found no such demand. I have not received, and do not know of, any demand from anyone for notice of any probate or related proceeding.

I am aware of a demand for notice and have sent the required notice to each person who demanded notice.

8. (Choose one)

The decedent died more than one hundred twenty (120) hours ago and less than three (3) years ago.

[] The decedent died more than three (3) years ago, but an informal appointment is necessary to confirm title in the successors to the estate of the decedent.

WHEREFORE, I ask this court to

- A. Appoint me as the personal representative of the estate of the decedent;
- B. Allow me to serve without posting a bond, in an unsupervised administration;
- C. Ask the court clerk to issue Letters of Administration to me; and
- D. Order any other relief as this court believes to be appropriate.

I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that all of the above statements are true and correct.

Signature of applicant

Printed name

Date

Street address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

(If anyone has an equal or higher priority than you for appointment as personal representative, as discussed in the instructions for this form, Step 1, have each sign below to show that person's consent to your serving as personal representative.)

I consent to the appointment of the personal representative listed above.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Relationship to decedent: _____

Street address: _____

City, state, and ZIP code: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Relationship to decedent: _____

Street address: _____

City, state, and ZIP code: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Relationship to decedent: _____

Street address: _____

City, state, and ZIP code: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Relationship to decedent: _____

Street address: _____

City, state, and ZIP code: _____

USE NOTES

1. See NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-203 for priority among persons seeking appointment as personal representative and NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-301 for informal appointment of a personal representative.

2. If the applicant is an "heir," as defined in Rule 1B-102 NMRA, use the bracketed language.

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4B-302. Application for informal probate of will and for informal appointment of personal representative (*will*).

[For use with Rule 1B-306 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

**APPLICATION FOR INFORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL
AND FOR INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
(*WILL*)¹**

I, _____, state that

1. I had the following relationship with _____, the person who died (*the decedent*), that qualifies me to act as personal representative of the estate of the decedent¹:

(Choose one)

(Review the priorities for appointment set out in Section 45-3-203(A) NMSA 1978 and Rule 1B-306 NMRA.)

- I have been nominated in the will of the decedent.
- I am the surviving spouse of the decedent and am listed in the will as a devisee.
- I am one of the devisees of the estate of the decedent as listed in the will.
- I am the surviving spouse of the decedent, but am not listed in the will as a devisee.

I am one of the heirs of the estate of the decedent, but am not listed in the will as a devisee.

I am an interested person, including a creditor of the decedent, and forty-five (45) days have elapsed since the date of death of the decedent.

Because of this relationship, I have an interest in the estate of the decedent, and I am willing to serve as personal representative of the estate of the decedent. I am not disqualified to act as personal representative. I do not know of anyone else who is interested in serving as personal representative who has priority to serve.

2. The decedent died on _____ (date), at the age of _____. At death, the decedent

(Choose one)

lived in _____ County, New Mexico.

did not live in New Mexico, but lived in _____ County, State of _____ and owned property in _____ County, New Mexico.

3. I am filing the original of the will of the decedent, dated _____, at the same time I am filing this application. I believe that this is the current and correct will.

4. The following is a list of the devisees named in the will, [including myself]², together with a list of the decedent's spouse, children, and heirs who may not be named in the will, if any:

Name	Address	Relationship to Decedent	Age (if minor)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

5. I believe that this will has been validly executed.

6. I have carefully searched for a document that revokes this will and have not found such a document.

7. A personal representative has not been appointed in New Mexico or anywhere else.

8. I do not know of any other probate action either in New Mexico or anywhere else.

9. (Choose one)

I have checked with the district court clerk about a demand for notice and found no such demand. I have not received, and do not know of, any demand from anyone for notice of any probate or related proceeding.

I am aware of a demand for notice and have sent the required notice to each person who demanded notice.

10. The decedent died more than one hundred twenty (120) hours ago. It has not been more than three (3) years since the decedent's death.

WHEREFORE, I ask this court to

- A. Enter an order informally probating the will of the decedent;
- B. Appoint me as the personal representative of the estate of the decedent;
- C. Allow me to serve without posting a bond, in an unsupervised administration;
- D. Ask the court clerk to issue Letters Testamentary to me; and
- E. Order any other relief as this court believes to be appropriate.

I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that all of the above statements are true and correct.

Signature of applicant

Printed name

Date

Street address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

(If anyone has an equal or higher priority than you for appointment as personal representative, as discussed in Rule 1B-306 NMRA, Step 1, have each sign below to show that person's consent to your serving as personal representative.)

I consent to the appointment of the personal representative listed above.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Relationship to decedent: _____

Street address: _____

City, state, and ZIP code: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Relationship to decedent: _____

Street address: _____

City, state, and ZIP code: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Relationship to decedent: _____

Street address: _____

City, state, and ZIP code: _____

USE NOTES

1. See NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-203 for priority among persons seeking appointment as personal representative and NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-301 for informal appointment of a personal representative.

2. If the applicant is an "heir," as defined in Rule 1B-102 NMRA, use the bracketed language.

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**4B-303. Order of informal appointment of personal representative
(no will).**

[For use with Rule 1B-304 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF _____ No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

**ORDER OF INFORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
(NO WILL)**

This matter comes before the court on the Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative of the estate of the decedent and the court having considered the application, FINDS that

1. The Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative is complete;
2. The applicant has affirmed under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the statements contained in the application are true and correct;
3. On the basis of the statements in the application, this court has jurisdiction;
4. On the basis of the statements in the application, venue is proper;
5. The applicant has affirmed under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that after the exercise of reasonable diligence, the applicant is unaware of any unrevoked last will and testament or other testamentary instrument relating to property in this state or under the laws of New Mexico, and the request for the appointment does not relate to any will;
6. On the basis of the statements in the application, the applicant gave notice of the filing of the application to each person demanding notice, if any;

7. It appears from the application that this proceeding was commenced within the time limitations prescribed by the laws of the State of New Mexico;

8. The applicant is an interested person as defined by law, and is not disqualified to serve as personal representative of the estate of the decedent;

9. From the statements in the application, the applicant has priority entitling the applicant to be appointed as personal representative of the estate of the decedent; and

10. According to the application, no other personal representative has been appointed in New Mexico or in any other state.

THEREFORE, THIS COURT ORDERS that

A. The application is granted;

B. The applicant _____ (*name of applicant*) is informally appointed as the personal representative of the estate of the decedent, without bond, in an unsupervised administration and

C. Letters of Administration shall be issued to the applicant upon the applicant's acceptance of the office of personal representative.

Probate Judge

Submitted by:

Signature of applicant

Printed name

Date

Street address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

USE NOTES

See NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-308 for proof and findings required prior to appointment of personal representative and NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-307 for informal appointment of personal representative.

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4B-304. Order of informal probate of will and appointment of personal representative (*will*).

[For use with Rule 1B-306 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

ORDER OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (*WILL*)

This matter comes before the court on the application for informal probate of the will of the decedent and for informal appointment as personal representative of the estate of the decedent. The court having considered the application, FINDS that

1. The Application for Informal Probate of Will and for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative is complete;
2. The applicant has affirmed under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the statements contained in the application are true and correct;
3. On the basis of the statements in the application, this court has jurisdiction;
4. On the basis of the statements in the application, this court has venue;

5. An original, duly executed, and apparently unrevoked will of the decedent is in the possession of this court;

6. On the basis of the statements in the application, the applicant gave notice of the filing of the application to each person demanding notice, if any;

7. It appears from the application that this proceeding was commenced within the limitations prescribed by the laws of the State of New Mexico;

8. The applicant is an interested person as defined by law, and is not disqualified to serve as personal representative of the estate of the decedent;

9. From the statements in the application and from the contents of the will, the applicant has priority entitling the applicant to be appointed as personal representative of the estate of the decedent; and

10. According to the application, no other personal representative has been appointed in New Mexico or in any other state.

THEREFORE, THIS COURT ORDERS that

A. The application is granted;

B. The will of the decedent is informally probated;

C. The applicant _____ (*name of applicant*) is informally appointed as the personal representative of the estate of the decedent, without bond, in an unsupervised administration; and

D. Letters Testamentary shall be issued to the applicant upon the applicant's acceptance of the office of personal representative.

Probate Judge

Submitted by:

Signature of applicant

Printed name

Date

Street address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

USE NOTES

See NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-308 for proof and findings required prior to appointment of personal representative and NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-307 for informal appointment of personal representative.

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4B-305. Acceptance of appointment as personal representative (*no will*) (*will*).

[For use with Rules 1B-304 and 1B-306 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
APPOINTMENT AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
(NO WILL) (WILL)**

I, _____, accept the duties of personal representative of the estate of the decedent, and agree to perform the duties of the office to the best of my abilities according to the law.

I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that all of the above statements are true and correct.

Signature of applicant

Printed name

Date

Street address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

USE NOTES

See NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-307 and NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-601 for acceptance of appointment of personal representative.

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4B-306. Letters of administration (*no will*).

[For use with Rule 1B-304 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

**LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
(NO WILL)**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is now given that _____ (*name of personal representative*) has been appointed to serve as the personal representative of the estate of _____, and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate of the decedent by filing with the court a statement of acceptance of the duties of that office.

The personal representative has all of the powers and authorities provided by law and specifically, by Section 45-3-715 NMSA 1978.

Issued this ____ day of _____, _____.

Clerk of the Probate Court

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

(Seal)

USE NOTES

See NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-103 and NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-601 for issuance of letters.

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4B-307. Letters testamentary (*will*).

[For use with Rule 1B-306 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

**LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
(WILL)**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is now given that _____ (*name of personal representative*) has been appointed to serve as the personal representative of the estate of _____, and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate of the decedent by filing with the court a statement of acceptance of the duties of that office.

The personal representative has all of the powers and authorities provided by law and specifically, by Section 45-3-715 NMSA 1978.

Issued this ____ day of _____, _____.

Clerk of the Probate Court

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

(Seal)

USE NOTES

See NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-103 and NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-601 for issuance of letters.

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**ARTICLE 4
Notice to Heirs, Devisees, and Any Person Filing a
Demand for Notice**

4B-401. Notice of informal appointment of personal representative.

[For use with Rules 1B-304, 1B-306, and 1B-401 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT

1. This notice is being sent to the heirs [and devisees]¹ of the decedent.
2. On _____, _____ (date), _____ (personal representative's name) was appointed the personal representative of the estate of the decedent in an informal proceeding under the Probate Code.
3. No bond has been filed.
4. All documents relating to the estate of the decedent are on file with the probate court of _____ County. They are available for your inspection.
5. The estate of the decedent is being administered by the personal representative according to the terms of the Probate Code without supervision from the court. You are entitled to information regarding the administration of the estate of the decedent from the personal representative. You may also petition the court in any matter relating to the estate of the decedent, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Dated: _____, _____.

Signature of personal representative

Printed name

Street address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

USE NOTES

1. If the decedent had a will, use the bracketed language. See Rule 1B-102 NMRA for the definition of a "devisee."

2. See NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-705 for notice of appointment of personal representative.

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4B-402. Proof of notice.

[For use with Rules 1B-304, 1B-306, and 1B-401 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

PROOF OF NOTICE

I, _____, am the personal representative of the estate of the decedent. I have mailed a copy of the Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative to the following people at the addresses listed below (*list all persons named in the will, if there is a will, and all heirs, even if not named in a will*):

Heirs and devisees

Name

Address

People who have demanded notice

Name

Address

Dated: _____, _____.

Signature of personal representative

Printed name

Street address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

USE NOTES

See NMSA 1978, Section 45-3-705 for proof of notice of appointment.

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ARTICLE 5

Notice to Creditors

4B-501. Notice to creditors by publication and notice to creditors by written notice (mailing or other delivery).

[For use with Rules 1B-304, 1B-306, and 1B-401 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the decedent. All persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of _____ County, New Mexico, located at the following address:

_____, _____.

Dated: _____, _____.

Signature of personal representative

Printed name

Address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

USE NOTES

See NMSA 1978, Sections 45-3-801 to 45-3-803 for notice to creditors provisions.

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ARTICLE 6

Inventories and Accountings

4B-601. Inventory.

[For use with Rules 1B-304, 1B-306, and 1B-501 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

INVENTORY

I, _____, the personal representative of the estate of the decedent, have prepared an inventory of the property of the estate of the decedent.

I am sending a copy of this document to the interested people who have requested it. The inventory is as follows:

Item	Estimated Value on Date of Death	Mortgage or Lien
1. _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
2. _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
3. _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
4. _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
5. _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
6. _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Signature of personal representative

Date

Printed name

Street address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

USE NOTES

See NMSA 1978, Sections 45-3-706 to 45-3-708 for preparation of inventory of property owned by the decedent.

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4B-602. Accounting.

[For use with Rules 1B-304, 1B-306, and 1B-501 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

ACCOUNTING

I, _____, the personal representative of the estate of the decedent, have prepared an accounting of the administration of the estate of the decedent.

I am sending a copy of this document to the distributees whose interests are affected by this accounting. The accounting is as follows:

Cash and Other Assets in the Estate

A. Items from Inventory (not sold)

Value

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

\$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____

B. Items Received Since the Making of Inventory (not sold)

Value

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

\$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____

C. Items Sold

Sales Price

Sales Expense

Net Amount Received

1. _____ \$ _____
2. _____ \$ _____
3. _____ \$ _____
4. _____ \$ _____
5. _____ \$ _____
6. _____ \$ _____

\$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____

\$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____

D. Income Received

Amount

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

\$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____

Total of Cash and Other Assets:

\$ _____

Payments and Distributions

A. Payments to Creditors and for Expenses of Administration

Amount Paid

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

\$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____

B. Distributions to Devisees or Heirs

Value of
Distribution

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

\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____

Total of Payments and Distributions:
(Total of Cash and Other Assets
should equal Total of Payments and Distributions.)

Signature of personal representative

Printed name

Date

Street address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

[Approved, effective September 15, 2000; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 07-8300-005, effective March 1, 2007; 4B-501 recompiled and amended as 4B-602 by Supreme Court Order No. 18-8300-014, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2018.]

ARTICLE 7

Closing a Probate Proceeding

4B-701. Verified closing statement of the personal representative.

[For use with Rules 1B-304, 1B-306, and 1B-601 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

VERIFIED CLOSING STATEMENT OF THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

I, _____, state that

1. I am the personal representative of the estate of the decedent;
2. The probate was filed more than six (6) months ago and the time for the presentation of creditor's claims has expired;
3. I have completed my work on the estate of the decedent. In order to do this, I
 - A. inventoried and estimated the value in writing of all of the decedent's property and encumbrances on this property;
 - B. resolved all claims that were presented to me, either by paying them or otherwise taking care of them;
 - C. paid all the expenses of administration;
 - D. paid federal and state taxes that were due, including estate tax, inheritance or other death taxes, and income taxes; and
 - E. distributed all the remaining assets, including decedent's real property, if any, to the people who were entitled to receive them, taking into account the family and personal property allowances allowed by law. The distributions were in the appropriate amounts;
4. I mailed a copy of this document to anyone entitled to a distribution from the estate of the decedent. I also mailed a copy of the accounting of this estate to anyone entitled to a distribution from this estate whose interests were affected by the accounting;
5. As far as I know, there are no other actions pending in any court; and
6. By this closing statement, I am indicating to the court that I am closing the estate.

I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature of personal representative

Printed name

Date

Address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

USE NOTES

WARNING: Do not submit this form to the court until you have completed ALL estate work. Once this form is filed with the court, the personal representative no longer has authority to act on behalf of the decedent's estate.

[Approved, effective September 15, 2000; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 07-8300-005, effective March 1, 2007; 4B-502 recompiled and amended as 4B-701 by Supreme Court Order No. 18-8300-014, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2018.]

4B-702. Verified small estate closing statement of the personal representative.

[For use with Rules 1B-304, 1B-306, and 1B-601 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT

_____ COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. _____

_____, DECEASED.

VERIFIED SMALL ESTATE CLOSING STATEMENT OF THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

I, _____, state that

1. I am the personal representative of the estate of the decedent;
2. I have completed my work on the estate of the decedent. In order to do this, I
 - A. inventoried and estimated the value in writing of all of the decedent's property and encumbrances on this property;
 - B. determined to the best of my knowledge that the value of the entire estate, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed the family allowance, personal property allowance, costs and expenses of administration, reasonable necessary medical and hospital expenses of the last illness of the decedent, and reasonable funeral expenses; and
 - C. distributed all the remaining assets, including decedent's real property, if any, to the people who were entitled to receive them, taking into account the family and personal property allowances allowed by law. The distributions were in the appropriate amounts;
3. I mailed a copy of this document to anyone entitled to a distribution from the estate and to all creditors or other claimants of whom I am aware whose claims are neither paid nor barred. I also mailed a copy of the accounting of this estate to anyone entitled to a distribution from this estate whose interests were affected by the accounting;
4. As far as I know, there are no other actions pending in any court; and
5. By this closing statement, I am indicating to the court that I am closing the estate of the decedent.

I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature of personal representative

Printed name

Date

Address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

USE NOTES

WARNING: Do not submit this form to the court until you have completed ALL estate work. Once this form is filed with the court, the personal representative no longer has authority to act on behalf of the decedent's estate.

[Adopted by Supreme Court Order No. 18-8300-014, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2018.]

ARTICLE 8
Proof of Authority

4B-801. Proof of authority.

[For use with Rule 1B-201 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF _____

PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

_____, DECEASED No. _____

PROOF OF AUTHORITY

I, _____, domiciliary personal representative of the estate of the decedent (including a tribal court appointee designated by a tribal court or the Bureau of

Indian Affairs), make the following statements and filings with the court so that I, as the personal representative, may exercise all the powers of a local personal representative for the estate of the decedent, as provided in Section 45-4-205 NMSA 1978, over assets located in _____ County, State of New Mexico.

1. _____, deceased, was domiciled in _____ County, State of _____, at the time of death on _____.

2. The decedent died (*choose one*) [testate] [intestate].

3. By its order dated _____, the court in _____ County, State of _____, opened the estate of the decedent in Case No. _____ and appointed me (*choose one*) [personal representative] [tribal court appointee] of the estate of the decedent. An authenticated copy of the (*choose one*) [order] [tribal appointment] appointing me as (*choose one*) [personal representative] [tribal court appointee] is filed with this Proof of Authority.

4. I, the domiciliary foreign personal representative, was appointed and served (*choose one*) [with] [without] bond as (*choose one*) [personal representative] [tribal court appointee] of the estate of the decedent. An authenticated copy of the bond (if applicable) is filed with this Proof of Authority.

5. (*Choose one*) [Letters of Administration] [Letters Testamentary] [equivalent indicia of authority from a tribal court or the Bureau of Indian Affairs] was/were issued on _____. An authenticated copy of the (*choose one*) [Letters of Administration] [Letters Testamentary] [equivalent indicia of authority from a tribal court or the Bureau of Indian Affairs] is filed with this Proof of Authority.

6. My address is _____.

7. No local administration or application or petition for a local administration is pending in the State of New Mexico.

I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that all of the above statements are true and correct.

Domiciled foreign personal representative (*including a tribal court appointee*)
(*signature*)

Printed name

Date

Address

City, state, and ZIP Code

Telephone number (*optional*)

Email address (*optional*)

[Adopted by Supreme Court Order No. 18-8300-014, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2018; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 21-8300-019, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2021.]

4B-802. Certificate acknowledging receipt of documents related to proof of authority.

[For use with Rule 1B-201 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF _____
PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

_____, DECEASED. No. _____

**CERTIFICATE ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTS
RELATED TO PROOF OF AUTHORITY**

I, _____, Probate Judge of _____ County, acknowledge receipt of the following documents related to proof of authority under Section 45-4-204 NMSA 1978, in the above-captioned cause:

1. Authenticated copies of documents related to the appointment of the domiciliary foreign personal representative (including a tribal court appointee designated by a tribal court or the Bureau of Indian Affairs), and any official bond given; and
2. A statement of the domiciliary foreign personal representative's address.

In accordance with Section 45-4-205 NMSA 1978, a domiciliary foreign personal representative (including a tribal court appointee) who has complied with Section 45-4-204 NMSA 1978 may, for assets in New Mexico, exercise all powers of a local personal

representative and may maintain actions and proceedings in New Mexico subject to any conditions imposed on nonresident parties generally.

Witness my hand and seal of the Probate Court on _____, _____.

(Seal)

County Probate Judge

[Adopted by Supreme Court Order No. 18-8300-014, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2018; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 21-8300-019, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2021.]

ARTICLE 9

Special Administration

4B-901. Application for informal appointment of special administrator.

[For use with Rule 1B-201 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF _____

PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

_____, DECEASED No. _____

APPLICATION FOR INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR

I, _____, state that

1. _____, the decedent, died on _____ at the age of _____. At death, the decedent lived in _____ County, New Mexico. A probate action has not been filed anywhere in New Mexico.

2. I had the following relationship with _____, decedent:

I am the surviving spouse.

I am one of the heirs of the estate.

I am an interested person because I am _____ to the decedent.

3. A special administrator is necessary prior to appointment of a general personal representative to protect the estate of the decedent.

4. I am qualified to be appointed special administrator for the sole purpose of collecting and managing the assets of the estate of the decedent, preserving them, and accounting for and delivering the assets to the personal representative upon appointment.

I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that all of the above statements are true and correct.

Signature of applicant

Printed name

Date

Address

City, state, and ZIP Code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

[Adopted by Supreme Court Order No. 18-8300-014, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2018.]

4B-902. Order appointing special administrator.

[For use with Rule 1B-201 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF _____

PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

_____, DECEASED No. _____

ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR

Upon the application of _____, a person known to be interested in the estate of the decedent, for the appointment of a special administrator pending the appointment of a general personal representative, and upon good cause shown, the court finds that a special administrator should be appointed to secure and protect the estate of the decedent.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that _____ is hereby appointed special administrator of the estate of the decedent, to collect and manage the assets of the estate, to preserve them, to account for and deliver the assets to the general personal representative upon appointment by the court, and until further order of the court.

The court shall issue Letters of Special Administration upon the applicant's acceptance of the office of special administrator.

Witness my hand and seal of the probate court on _____,
_____.

County Probate Judge

(Seal)

Submitted by:

Signature of applicant

Printed name

Date

Street address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

[Adopted by Supreme Court Order No. 18-8300-014, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2018.]

4B-903. Acceptance for appointment of special administrator.

[For use with Rule 1B-201 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF _____

PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

_____, DECEASED No. _____

**ACCEPTANCE FOR APPOINTMENT
OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR**

I, _____, accept the duties of special administrator of the estate of the decedent and agree to collect and manage the assets of the estate of the decedent, preserve them, and account for and deliver the assets to the general personal representative upon appointment.

I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that all of the above statements are true and correct.

Signature of applicant

Printed name

Date

Address

City, state, and ZIP code

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

[Adopted by Supreme Court Order No. 18-8300-014, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2018.]

4B-904. Letters of special administration.

[For use with Rule 1B-201 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF _____

PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

_____, DECEASED No. _____

LETTERS OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is now given that _____ has been appointed to serve as the special administrator of the estate of the decedent, and has qualified as the estate of the decedent's special administrator by filing with the court a statement of acceptance of the duties of that office.

The special administrator shall have the limited power to collect and manage the assets of the estate of the decedent, preserve them, and account for and deliver the assets to the general personal representative upon appointment.

Issued this ____ day of _____, _____.

(Seal)

Clerk of the Probate Court

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

[Adopted by Supreme Court Order No. 18-8300-014, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2018.]

ARTICLE 10

Transfer

4B-1001. Order transferring case from probate court to district court.

[For use with Rules 1B-101 and 1B-701 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF _____

PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

_____, DECEASED No. _____

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE FROM PROBATE COURT TO DISTRICT COURT

The probate court hereby transfers the above-captioned matter to the district court for the following reason(s):

The probate court judge has declined the application for informal probate of a will under Section 45-3-305 NMSA 1978.

The probate court judge has declined the application for informal appointment of a personal representative under Section 45-3-309 NMSA 1978.

The probate court judge has declined to act due to a conflict of interest.

An evidentiary hearing may be required.

A general description of the issue presented is as follows: _____

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the case in the matter of the Estate of _____, Deceased, Probate Court No. _____ filed in the probate court of _____ County, be transferred to the _____ (insert number of the district court, such as Second, Thirteenth, etc.) Judicial District Court for _____ County, New Mexico, for further proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that _____ shall pay any filing fee required by the district court.

Witness my hand and seal of the Probate Court on _____, _____.

County Probate Judge

(Seal)

[Adopted by Supreme Court Order No. 18-8300-014, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2018.]

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