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Administrative Order

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IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF
MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS

Administrative Order Requiring the Use of the Court's Approved Form for Small Estate Affidavits

On this day, the Court finds there is need for an administrative order regarding the form to be used when a Small Estate Affidavit is filed with the County Clerk in Moore County under Texas Estates Code Chapter 205.

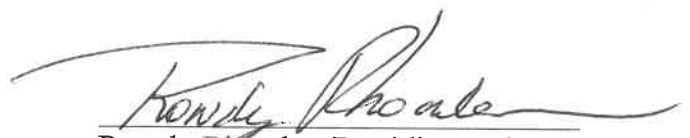
The Court finds that over half of the Small Estate Affidavits filed in Moore County do not provide all of the information the Code and the Court require. While approval of a Small Estate Affidavit is within the Court's discretion (see Estates Code §205.003), it wastes the resources of both the Court and the applicants for the Court to evaluate incomplete affidavits.

Therefore, the Court has created a Small Affidavit Form that - if completely and correctly filled out - includes all information necessary to enable the Court to determine whether the Court should approve a Small Estate Affidavit. This Small Estate Affidavit form is posted on the probate page of the Court's website.

- All Small Estate Affidavits shall be required to posting notice with the County Clerk
- All Distributees must sign the Small Estate Affidavit to be approved

It is therefore **ORDERED** that the Moore County Probate Court will not approve any Small Estate Affidavit filed after August 30, 2024 unless it uses the approved form posted on the Court's website (or whatever modification of the approved form is posted in the future).

Signed on August 30, 2024.


Rowdy Rhoades, Presiding Judge