# ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATE PACKET

## COURT OF INDIAN OFFENSES FOR THE SOUTHERN PLAINS REGION

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The forms in this packet are to be used as a template, if you are seeking Letters of Administration of Estate. Please read the instructions carefully before completing the forms. The Court Clerks CANNOT accept petitions that does not conform to the instructions included in this packet.

Should you need assistance in preparing the petition, you must consult with an attorney at your own expense. This court does not have legal aid. The Court Clerks are prohibited by Ethical Code and Court Rules to provide legal advice and help parties prepare or type court documents. Different situations may require special procedures and the Court Clerks CANNOT advise you on how to proceed or what forms may be necessary in specific situations.

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### Instructions for Filing a Petition for Administrator of Estate

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ!**

These standard instructions are informational purposes only and do not constitute legal advice about your case. If you do not understand this information, please contact an attorney.

#### STEP 1: Complete forms.

- Petition for Administrator of Estate
- □ Entry of Appearance and Waiver
- Summons

<u>NOTE</u>: Forms must be typed double-spaced and on letter size paper. The forms provided in this packet are guides to be used in preparing your documents for filing divorce. The forms must be re-typed. Forms must include all the required information (addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, etc.) It is YOUR responsibility to provide the required information on the forms.

#### STEP 2: Obtain copies of required documents.

- □ Tribal Enrollment Verification (Tribal ID, Certificate Degree of Indian Blood, or Letter from Tribe) for the deceased
- Death Certificate for the deceased

NOTE: Obtaining these documents is YOUR responsibility.

#### STEP 3: Obtain a Money Order or Cashier's Check for filing.

□ \$60.00 filing fee plus \$25.00 service fee for each interested party

NOTE: Money Order or Cashier's Check made payable to "Bureau of Indian Affairs". No personal checks are accepted. Insure that you receive a receipt for the filing fee from the Court Clerk at the time of filing.

#### STEP 4: Submit forms, documents and filing fee for filing to the Court Clerk.

- Petition for Administrator of Estate
- □ Entry of Appearance and Waiver (must be filed by the Defendant at least one (1) day after filing the Petition for Administrator of Estate)
- Summons
- □ Tribal Enrollment Verification (Tribal ID, Certificate Degree of Indian Blood, or Letter from Tribe) for deceased.
- Death Certificate
- □ Money Order or Cashier's Check (\$60.00 filing fee plus service fee made payable to "Bureau of Indian Affairs")

<u>NOTE</u>: If all forms, documents, and filing fees are not submitted at the time of filing, it will be returned back to you, until you obtain ALL required forms, documents and filing fees for filing.

Petition for Administrator of Estate must be signed in front of the Court Clerk or a notary public.

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ESTATE OF:	)			
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, Dec	eased;)			
Tribal Member.	)			

#### PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATE

**COMES NOW**, \_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner herein, pro se and for this cause of action, the Petitioner alleges and states the following:

- 1. That the Court of Indian Offenses for the Southern Plains Region has personal and subject matter jurisdiction to hear and decide this matter in accordance to 25 CFR 11.116 and 11.700;
- 2. That the deceased, \_\_\_\_\_\_ was an enrolled member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe of Oklahoma. A copy of the decedent Tribal Enrollment Card is submitted along with the petition to the Court.
- 3. That the decedent died on or about \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, and at the time of death, the decedent was a resident of Indian Country under the jurisdiction of the Court, and that the decedent resided at \_\_\_\_\_\_, and had lived at this address up until the his/her death for \_\_\_\_\_ (STATE LENGTH OF TIME IN MONTHS OR YEARS AT THIS ADDRESS);
- 4. That the Petitioner, is the son/daughter/mother/etc. of the decedent and a possible heir being named to receive a vested interest in the decedent's real and personal property under the jurisdiction of the Court and property which does not come within the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior;
- That said decedent left real and personal property in Indian Country under the jurisdiction of the Court and the estimated and character of said personal property, so far as is known to this Petitioner, are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_\_;
- 6. That all heirs at law of the decedent and their names and address including relationship to the decedent, so far as known to the Petitioner, are: (LIST EACH RELATIVE'S NAME, FULL ADDRESS (INCLUDE CITY, STATE & ZIP) AND THE RELATIONSHIP THEY ARE TO THE DECEDENT);
- 7. That after careful review of the decedent's will, no provisions were made concerning decedent's personal property. The will names the Petitioner as an heir receiving interest of decedent's real property consisting of lands held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; **OR** That after careful review of the decedent's will, provisions were made concerning decedent's personal property. The will names the Petitioner as an heir receiving interest of decedent's real property consisting of lands held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; **OR** That after careful review of the decedent's will, provisions were made concerning decedent's personal property. The will names the Petitioner as an heir receiving interest of decedent's real property consisting of lands held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; **OR** That to the best of the Petitioner's knowledge, no will exists;
- 8. That the Petitioner is the father/mother/son/etc. of said decedent and an heir and therefore is entitled to request an Administrator be appointed by the Court for the purpose of administering the personal

property estate and to act in collecting and preserving the property of said decedent to prevent deterioration and depreciation and to inventory the personal property;

9. That the Petitioner is a suitable person to be appointed Administrator due to his/her being the choice of the decedent, as evidenced by the decedent Last Will and Testament attached hereto; OR That the Petitioner is a suitable person to be appointed Administrator by making an appearance in court on a day certain for hearing this petition and that he should be so appointed and be entitled to receive letters of administration of said estate; OR

That the Petitioner is a suitable person to be appointed Administrator due to the fact that no one else has come forward and filed;

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully prays that the Court will appoint him/her as Administrator of said estate to act on behalf of himself/herself and the heirs until the Court finds that the estate has been fully administered and that a hearing be set on this matter as soon as the Court deems necessary.

> NAME, Petitioner FULL ADDRESS(include city, state & zip) TELEPHONE NO. EMAIL ADDRESS

#### VERIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being duly sworn to tell the truth and being of lawful age above 18 years of age, hereby states that I have prepared and read this petition and verify that all of the factual allegations contained in this petition are in fact true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY.

NAME, Petitioner

### SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

Court Clerk/ Deputy

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IN THE MATTER OF: ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATE OF:

Case No. P-\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Deceased, \_\_\_\_\_Tribal Member.

#### **SUMMONS**

#### TO: Interested Party Name Interested Party Address Interested Party City/State/Zip Code

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** in the above named action and directed to file a written Answer to the attached Petition with the Court Clerk of this Court, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons, which is herewith served upon you.

A copy of your Answer must also be delivered to the Petitioner or his/her attorney/advocate and proof of such service with your Answer must be filed in this Court.

If you fail to Answer this Petition within the time stated, judgment by default can be rendered against you for the relief demanded by the Petitioner.

(SEAL)

Court Clerk/Deputy CFR Court P.O. Box 368 Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005 Phone: 405/247-8511

Petitioner or Petitioner's Attorney: Petitioner Name Petitioner Address Petitioner City/State/Zip Code Phone: Petitioner Telephone Number

YOU MAY SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY/ADVOCATE ON ANY MATTER CONNECTED WITH THIS SUIT OR YOUR ANSWER. SUCH ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED IMMEDIATELY SO THAT AN ANSWER MAY BE FILED WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT STATED IN THIS SUMMONS.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned Court Clerk, hereby certify that I emailed, faxed, hand delivered or mailed, a true and correct copy of this document and copy of the petition to the following interested party:

<u>Certified Mail – Restricted Delivery</u> <u>Article No.</u> Interested Party Name Interested Party Address Interested Party City/State/Zip Code

(SEAL)

Court Clerk/Deputy Court Clerk

#### IN THE MATTER OF: ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATE OF:

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Case No. P-\_\_\_\_

Tribal Member. )

, Deceased; )

#### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AND WAIVER**

I, the undersigned relative of \_\_\_\_\_\_, being one of the persons having a right to the appointment of administrator of the estate of \_\_\_\_\_\_, do herby waive my rights to said appointment in favor of \_\_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner herein, and I respectfully pray that the Court will appoint Petitioner, as administrator over the estate. Should I have objected to said appointment of the Petitioner, I am aware that I had the right to file an answer to said petition and appear in Court to make my objections known and that I waive that right.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Signature

Please print your name & address:

Telephone:

## SHOULD YOU AGREE TO SIGN THIS WAIVER, PLEASE INSURE THAT YOU RECEIVE A "FILE STAMP" COPY OF THE PETITION FILED. IF YOU AGREE TO THE PETITION, THIS WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED IN FRONT OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR COURT CLERK AND RETURN TO THIS OFFICE EITHER BY MAIL OR IN PERSON.

State of Oklahoma; ) County of )

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, came \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, to me known to be the identical person who executed the above and foregoing Entry of Appearance and Waiver, and personally acknowledged to me that he/she has read, understood, and signed the same, and that he/she executed the same as his/her free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth. IN WITNESS THEREOF I have hereunto affixed my signature and official seal the date heretofore stated.

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**COURT CLERK/DEPUTY** 

NOTARY PUBLIC

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#### LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE OF:

JOHN DOE, Deceased; Tribal Member. Case No. P-\_\_\_-

#### PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

**COMES NOW**, Jane Doe, Petitioner herein, pro se and for this cause of action, the Petitioner alleges and states the following:

- 1. That the Court of Indian Offenses for the Southern Plains Region has personal and subject matter jurisdiction to hear and decide this matter in accordance to 25 CFR 11.116 and 11.700;
- 2. That the deceased, John Doe was an enrolled member of the Native Tribe of Oklahoma. A copy of the decedent's Tribal Enrollment Card is submitted along with the petition to the Court;
- 3. That the decedent died on or about April 1, 2011, and at the time of death, the decedent was a resident of Indian Country under the jurisdiction of the Court, and that the decedent resided at 100 Gourd Clan Drive, Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005 and had lived at this address up until his death for 52 years;
- 4. That the Petitioner is the daughter of the decedent and a possible heir being named to receive a vested interest in the decedent's real and personal property under the jurisdiction of the Court and property which does not come within the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior;
- 5. That said decedent left real and personal property in Indian Country under the jurisdiction of the Court and the estimated and character of said personal property, so far as is known to this Petitioner, are as follows: 2000 Chevy Impala, VIN #54SER48S4E6578V0001; Sporster Bass Boat, ID #458796 & Nations Bank Checking Account #000111999888;
- 6. That all heirs at law of the decedent and their names and address including relationship to the decedent, so far as known to the Petitioner are:

Janey Doe, daughter (Petitioner) 4949 Blue Bird Road Anadarko, OK 73005

Nancy Doe, daughter P.O. Box 9999 Carnegie, OK 73015

Johnny Doe, son 111 Native Drive Anadarko, OK 73005

- 7. That to the best of the Petitioner's knowledge, no will exists;
- 8. That the Petitioner is the daughter of said decedent and an heir and therefore is entitled to request a Administrator be appointed by the Court for the purpose of administering the personal property estate and to act in collecting and preserving the property of said decedent to prevent deterioration and depreciation and to inventory the personal property;
- 9. That the Petitioner is a suitable person to be appointed Administrator due to the fact that no one else has come forward and filed;

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully prays that the Court will appoint him/her as Administrator of said estate and Letters of Administration be issued to Petitioner to act on behalf of himself/herself and the heirs until the Court finds that the estate has been fully administered and that a hearing be set on this matter as soon as the Court deems necessary.

> JANE DOE, Petitioner 4949 Blue Bird Road Anadarko, OK 73005 Phone: 405/247-0000 janed@yahoo.net

#### VERIFICATION

I, Jane Doe, being duly sworn to tell the truth and being of lawful age above 18 years of age, hereby states that I have prepared and read this petition and verify that all of the factual allegations contained in this petition are in fact true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, **UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**.

	JANE DOE, Petitioner	
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE 20 (SEAL)	RE ME THIS DAY OF	,
(SEAL)	Court Clerk/ Deputy	

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#### IN THE MATTER: ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATE OF:

JOHN	DOE, Deceased;
Tribal	Member.

Case No. P-\_\_\_\_

#### ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AND WAIVER

I, the undersigned relative of John Doe, being one of the persons having a right to the appointment of administrator of the estate of John Doe, do herby waive my rights to said appointment in favor of Jane Doe, Petitioner herein, and I respectfully pray that the Court will appoint Petitioner, as administrator over the estate. Should I have objected to said appointment of the Petitioner, I am aware that I had the right to file an answer to said petition and appear in Court to make my objections known and that I waive that right.

Dated this	day of	, 20			
		Signature			
Please print your name &	z address:				
	Telej	phone:			
State of Oklahoma; County of	_ ;				
Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, came					
(SEAL) My Commission Expires:		NOTARY PUBLIC			
		E ME THIS DAY OF, 20			

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