Los Alamos Probate Court

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Probate Forms - No Will

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

OPENING AND CLOSING A PROBATE COURT CASE

TESTATE (WILL)

Locate Will (Original required)

- 1. Identify Devisees
- 2. Identify Heirs
- 3. Identify County and choose whether to file in Probate Court or District Court
- 4. If Decedent died more than three years ago or the original will cannot be located, the case must be filed in District Court
- 5. Check for demand for notice in **District Court**

See Rules 1B-102, 1B-301, 1B-302, 1B-305 **NMRA**

Step 2

Step 1

File an Application to Probate Will and Appoint Personal Representative (PR)

See Rules 1B-102, 1B-302, 1B-305, 1B-306(A)(1) NMRA and Form 4B-302 NMRA



Step 3

Obtain Order to Informally Probate Will and Appoint PR; file an Acceptance of Appointment; have Clerk issue Letters Testamentary

See Rule 1B-306(A)(2)-(4) NMRA and Forms 4B-304, 4B-305, 4B-307 NMRA



Within 30 days of Appointment, Send Notice of Appointment, Order, and copy of Will to Devisees, Heirs, and any person who has filed a demand for notice

See Rules 1B-102, 1B-306(B) NMRA and Forms 4B-401, 4B-402 NMRA

INTESTATE (NO WILL)

- **Identify Heirs**
- **Identify County and choose** whether to file in Probate Court or District Court
- 3. Check for demand for notice in **District Court**

See Rules 1B-102, 1B-301, 1B-302, 1B-303 **NMRA**



File an Application to Appoint Personal Representative (PR)

See Rules 1B-102, 1B-302, 1B-303, 1B-304(A)(1) NMRA and Form 4B-301 NMRA



Obtain Order to Informally Appoint PR; file an Acceptance of Appointment; have Clerk issue Letters of Administration

See Rule 1B-304(A)(2)-(4) NMRA and Forms 4B-303, 4B-305, 4B-306 NMRA



Within 30 days of Appointment, Send Notice of Appointment and Order to Heirs and any person who has filed a demand for notice

See Rules 1B-102, 1B-304(B) NMRA and Forms 4B-401, 4B-402 NMRA

TESTATE (WILL)

INTESTATE (NO WILL)

Step 5

Decide whether to Notify Creditors

- If Creditors will be notified,
- (a) send notice,
- (b) publish notice, OR
- (c) both

See Rules 1B-102, 1B-305, 1B-306(C) NMRA and Form 4B-501 NMRA

Decide whether to Notify Creditors

- If Creditors will be notified,
- (a) send notice,
- (b) publish notice, OR
- (c) both

See Rules 1B-102, 1B-303, 1B-304(C) NMRA and Form 4B-501 NMRA

Step 6

Collect/Inventory Assets of the Decedent, Value Assets (within 3 months of appointment), and Determine Debts of the Decedent

Inventory does not have to be filed with the court

See Rules 1B-305, 1B-306(D) NMRA and Form 4B-601 NMRA

Collect/Inventory Assets of the Decedent and Value Assets (within 3 months of appointment), and Determine Debts of the Decedent

Inventory does not have to be filed with the court

See Rules 1B-303, 1B-304(D) NMRA and Form 4B-601 NMRA

Step 7

Pay the Family Allowance (\$30,000) and Personal Property Allowance (\$15,000) if required

See Rules 1B-102, 1B-305, 1B-306(E) NMRA



Pay the Family Allowance (\$30,000) and Personal Property Allowance (\$15,000) if required

See Rules 1B-102, 1B-303, 1B-304(E) NMRA



Step 8

Pay costs and expenses of administration

See Rules 1B-102, 1B-305, 1B-306(F)(1) NMRA



Pay costs and expenses of administration

See Rules 1B-102, 1B-303, 1B-304(F)(1) NMRA



Step 9

Pay Creditors or Dispute Claims

See Rules 1B-102, 1B-305, 1B-306(F)(2)-(4) NMRA



Pay Creditors or Dispute Claims

See Rules 1B-102, 1B-303, 1B-304(F)(2)-(4) NMRA



If you did not deal with Creditors, you should wait a year from date of death to distribute assets, or you may owe unpaid Creditors

See Rule 1B-306(F)(2) NMRA



If you did not deal with Creditors, you should wait a year from date of death to distribute assets, or you may owe unpaid Creditors

See Rule 1B-304(F)(2) NMRA

Or

If you published notice to Creditors, sent notice to known Creditors, and paid all Creditors with allowed claims, and if the time for Creditors to make their claims has elapsed, you may distribute assets

See Rules 1B-305, 1B-306(C)(1) NMRA

Or

If you published notice to Creditors, sent notice to known Creditors, and paid all Creditors with allowed claims, and if the time for Creditors to make their claims has elapsed, you may distribute assets

See Rules 1B-303, 1B-304(C)(1) NMRA

Step 10

Prepare an Accounting of Administration, which does not have to be filed with the court, send the Accounting to Devisees and those who filed a demand for notice, and distribute remaining assets to Devisees

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

Prepare an Accounting of Administration, which does not have to be filed with the court, send the Accounting to Heirs and those who filed a demand for notice, and distribute remaining assets to Heirs

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.]

		n for informal appointmen B-304 NMRA]	nt of person	al representative (no will).
STATE OF N	BATE				
		OF THE ESTATE OF _, DECEASED.	No		
	AI	APPLICATION PPOINTMENT OF PERS (<i>NO</i>			
I,		, state that			
1. died (<i>the dece</i> decedent ¹ :	I had edent), 1	the following relationship what qualifies me to act as p	withersonal repre	tesentative of the est	he person who tate of the
(Choose one)					
(Review the p. 304 NMRA.)	rioritie	s for appointment set out in	ı Section 45-	3-203(A) NMSA 19	78 and Rule 1B-
	[]	I am the surviving spouse	e of the dece	dent.	
	[]	I am one of the heirs of the	ne estate of t	he decedent.	
forty-five (45)	[]) days l	I am an interested person have elapsed since the date	_		edent, and
willing to servact as persona	ve as pe	is relationship, I have an increase are representative of the sentative. I do not know of the who has priority to serve	e estate of the anyone else	e decedent. I am no	ot disqualified to
(Check if appl	licable)	•			
my appointme	[] ent by s	Anyone who has equal or igning this form.	higher prior	rity to serve has cor	nsented below to
2.	The d	ecedent died on	6	date), at the age of	. At death

the decedent

(Choo	se one)						
		[]	lived in	_ County, N	New Mexico.		
		[] and c	did not live in New owned property in _	w Mexico, ł	out lived in County, New	w Mexico.	County, State o
_	3. e, childr nation:		carefully searched for their heirs [including the content of the c				
Name	.		Address		Relationship to Decedent	(if n	ninor)
one. I	4. believe		looked carefully and decedent died with		ly for a will of th	e decedent	and did not find
else.	5.	A perso	onal representative	has not bee	en appointed in N	lew Mexic	o or anywhere
	6.	I do no	t know of any other	r probate ac	ction either in Ne	w Mexico	or anywhere else
	7.	(Choos	se one)				
			I have checked wit d. I have not receiv or related proceeding	ved, and do			
each p	erson w	[] ho dem	I am aware of a deanded notice.	emand for n	otice and have se	ent the requ	uired notice to
	8.	(Choos	se one)				
than tl	nree (3)	[] years ag	The decedent died go.	more than	one hundred twe	nty (120) ł	nours ago and les
appoir	ntment i	[] s necess	The decedent died ary to confirm title		, , ,		
	WHE	REFORI	E, 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:

Signature:
Relationship to decedent:
Street address:
City, state, and ZIP code:
Name:
Signature:
Relationship to decedent:
Street address:
City state and ZIP code:

- 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 The Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative is 1. complete; 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; On the basis of the statements in the application, this court has jurisdiction; 3. 4. On the basis of the statements in the application, venue is proper; 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; It appears from the application that this proceeding was commenced within the time limitations prescribed by the laws of the State of New Mexico; 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; 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 According to the application, no other personal representative has been appointed in New Mexico or in any other state. THEREFORE, THIS COURT ORDERS that

(name of applicant) is informally

A.

В.

The application is granted;

appointed as the personal representative of the estate of the decedent, without bond, in an

The applicant

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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 NOTE

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 a [For use with Rules 1B-30]			ative (no will) (w	ill).
STATE OF NEW MEXIC IN THE PROBATE COUNCOUN	RT			
IN THE MATTER OF TH		No		
APPO	INTMENT AS PEI	PTANCE OF RSONAL REPI (ILL) (WILL)	RESENTATIVE	
I,estate of the decedent, and according to the law.	d agree to perform th	accept the duties ne duties of the o	s of personal reproffice to the best of	resentative of the of my abilities
I affirm under pen above statements are true	alty of perjury under and correct.	r the laws of the	State of New Me	exico that all of the
Signature of applicant				
Printed name				
Date				
Street address				
City, state, and ZIP code				
Telephone number (option	nal)			
Email address (optional)				

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 (<i>no will</i>). [For use with Rule 1B-304 NMRA]	
STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURTCOUNTY	
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF, DECEASED.	No
LETTERS OF AD (NO)	OMINISTRATION WILL)
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:	
Notice is now given that	e personal representative of the estate of field as the personal representative of the estate of
The personal representative has all of the specifically, by Section 45-3-715 NMSA 1978.	powers and authorities provided by law and
Issued this day of	
Cle	rk of the Probate Court
By:	Deputy Clerk
USE	NOTE

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

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[For use with Rules 1B-304, 1B-306, and 1B-401 NMRA]	ve.
STATE OF NEW MEXICO	
IN THE PROBATE COURT	
COUNTY	
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF No.	
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF No, DECEASED.	
	TOE
NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMEN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE	1 OF
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT	
1. This notice is being sent to the heirs [and devisees] ¹ or	f the decedent.
2. On, (date), 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 ar	e on file with the probate
court of County. They are available for your insp	<u>-</u>
5. The estate of the decedent is being administered by the	
according to the terms of the Probate Code without supervision from	= =
to information regarding the administration of the estate of the deced	
representative. You may also petition the court in any matter relating	<u> </u>
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decedent, including distribution of assets and expenses of administra	11011.
Dated:	
Signature of personal representative	
Printed name	
Street address	
City, state, and ZIP code	
Telephone number (optional)	

Email address (optional)

- 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 1	B-401 NMRA]
STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURTCOUNTY	
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF, DECEASED.	No
PROG	OF OF NOTICE
have mailed a copy of the Notice of Inform	rsonal representative of the estate of the decedent. al Appointment of Personal Representative to the ow (<i>list all persons named in the will, if there is a vill</i>):
Hei	rs and devisees
Name	Address
People who	have demanded notice
Name	Address
Dated:	
Signature of personal representative	
Printed name	

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Street address	
City, state, and ZIP code	
Telephone number (optional)	
Email address (optional)	

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

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4B-501. Notice to creditors by publication and no or other delivery).	tice to creditors by written notice (mailing
[For use with Rules 1B-304, 1B-306, and 1B-401 N	MRA]
STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY	
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF, DECEASED.	No
NOTICE TO CRI NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the under representative of the estate of the decedent. All persor decedent are required to present their claims within a publication of any published notice to creditors or six other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the presented either to the undersigned personal representative the probate Court of County address:	rsigned has been appointed personal ons having claims against the estate of the Four (4) months after the date of the first exty (60) days after the date of mailing or e claims will be forever barred. Claims must esentative at the address listed below, or filed
, Dated:,	<u>-</u>
Signature of personal representative	
Printed name	_
Address	
City, state, and ZIP code	
Telephone number (optional)	
Email address (optional)	
USE NO	ΓΕ
See NMSA 1978, Sections 45-3-801 to 45-3-	803 for notice to creditors provisions.

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4B-601. Inventory. [For use with Rules 1B-30-	4, 1B-306, and 1B-501	1 NMRA]
STATE OF NEW MEXIC IN THE PROBATE COUN COUN	RT	
IN THE MATTER OF TH		No
	INVEN	NTORY
		personal representative of the estate of the perty of the estate of the decedent. the interested people who have requested it. The
Item	Estimated Value	8 8
1	on Date of Death	
1. 2.	\$	
2	\$ \$	
4.		
5.	\$ \$	\$ \$
6.	\$	\$
Signature of personal repre	esentative	
Date		
Printed name		
Street address		
City, state, and ZIP code		
Telephone number (option	al)	
Email address (optional)		

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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	2. Accounting. se with Rules 1B-	304, 1B-306, and 1E	3-501 NMRA]			
IN TH	E OF NEW MEX IE PROBATE CO COU	URT				
		THE ESTATE OF, DECEASED.	N	0		
		ACC	COUNTING			
	I am sending a co		t to the distributee		estate of the decedent ecedent. nterests are affected b	
Cash A.	and Other Assets Items from Inve		V	alue		
1.			\$			
2.			\$			
3.			\$_			
4.			\$_			
5.			\$_			
6.			\$_			
В.	Items Received	Since the				
ъ.	Making of Inve		V	alue		
1.			\$			
2.						
3.			\$			
4.			\$_			
5.			\$_			
C.	Items Sold	Sales	Sales		Net Amount	
C.	items Solu	Price	Expense		Received	
1.		\$	£xpense \$		\$	
2.		_	\$		\$ \$	
3.		-			\$	
4.		\$	\$		\$	
5.		\$	<u> </u>		\$	
6.		- \$	\$		\$	

D.	Income Received	Amount
1.		\$
2.		\$
3.		_ \$
4.		
5.		\$
	l of Cash and Other Assets: \$ ments and Distributions	
A.	Payments to Creditors and	
	for Expenses of Administration	Amount Paid
1.		\$
2.		
3.		 \$
4.		 \$
5.		 \$
6.		\$
В.	Distributions to Devisees or Heirs	Value of
		Distribution
1.		\$
2.		\$
3.		\$
4.		\$
5.		\$
6.		\$
(Tota	I of Payments and Distributions: al of Cash and Other Assets ld equal Total of Payments and Distributions.)	\$
Sign	ature of personal representative	
Print	ed name	
Date		
Stree	et address	

City, state, and ZIP code	
Telephone number (optional)	
Email address (optional)	

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4B-701. Verified closing statement of the persona [For use with Rules 1B-304, 1B-306, and 1B-601 N	-					
STATE OF NEW MEXICO						
IN THE PROBATE COURT						
COUNTY						
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF No, DECEASED.						
VERIFIED CLOSING STATEMENT OF T	HE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE					
I,, state that						
1. I am the personal representative of th	e 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 est	ate 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;						
	presented to me, either by paying them or					
otherwise taking care of them;						
C. paid all the expenses of admin						
	at were due, including estate tax, inheritance					
or other death taxes, and income taxes; and						
	assets, including decedent's real property, if					
any, to the people who were entitled to receive them property allowances allowed by law. The distribution						
·	nyone entitled to a distribution from the					
estate of the decedent. I also mailed a copy of the ac	= -					
distribution from this estate whose interests were aff						
5. As far as I know, there are no other a						
	ating to the court that I am closing the estate.					
, ,						
I affirm under penalty of perjury under the la	ws 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)	

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.

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