

CAUSE NO. _____

IN THE ESTATE
OF

§ IN THE COUNTY COURT
§
§ AT LAW NO. 1 OF
§
§ HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER APPOINTING ATTORNEY AD LITEM

Pursuant to Tex. Est. Code § 202.009 (Heirship)

On this day, the Court finds it necessary to appoint an Attorney Ad Litem to represent and protect the interests of the heirs of the Decedent herein whose names and/or whereabouts are unknown or who are suffering legal disability pursuant to § 202.009 of the Texas Estates Code.

It is THEREFORE ORDERED that the Attorney listed below, who is an Attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, is appointed as Attorney Ad Litem to represent and protect the interests of the heirs of the Decedent herein whose names and/or whereabouts are unknown or who are suffering legal disability, pursuant to §202.009 of the Texas Estates Code.

ATTORNEY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said Attorney Ad Litem, is to perform, with due diligence, the duties listed below:

1. obtain and review all relevant pleadings & documents;
2. file an answer on behalf of the clients;
3. contact the attorney for the applicant to obtain:
 - A. copies of the pleadings and any other documentation affecting descent and distribution;
 - B. the names and contact information of family members and disinterested witnesses;
4. personally interview the applicant, other knowledgeable witnesses, including disinterested witnesses, to verify the heirship facts.
5. make an independent determination of whether the information provided is sufficient, whether anyone has been omitted, of if any heirs may be minors or otherwise incapacitated or whose identity or whereabouts may be unknown.
6. prepare and file a written report upon completion of the investigation, detailing:
 - A. a statement of whether the ad litem agrees or disagrees with the application for determination of heirship;
 - B. a distribution chart, fully showing how all interests devolve upon the heirs;
 - C. a skeletal recitation of the documents reviewed and persons consulted;
7. attend and participate in the hearing; and
8. prepare and file a fee application and order of discharge.

SIGNED ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, _____.

JUDGE PRESIDING