

Cause No. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE LAW PRACTICE OF  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS  
\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**REPORT OF CUSTODIAN AND  
MOTION TO DISSOLVE CUSTODIANSHIP**

COMES NOW \_\_\_\_\_, Court-Appointed Custodian in the above-referenced cause, and files this Custodian’s Report and Motion to Dissolve Custodianship of the Law Practice of \_\_\_\_\_.

**I.**

**Background**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (“\_\_\_\_\_”) [ (OR) was ] an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, State Bar No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ [died/other] on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_. At the time of [death/other], \_\_\_\_\_ practiced [as a sole practitioner and had no office assistant].

2. On \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, the Court issued an order to assume jurisdiction over the law practice of \_\_\_\_\_. The Court appointed \_\_\_\_\_, State Bar No. \_\_\_\_\_, to serve as Custodian of the law practice, pursuant to Tex. Rules Disciplinary P. R. 13.03.

**II.**

**Custodianship**

3. Consistent with this Court’s order, the Custodian established access to the files and records of the law practice. The Custodian reasonably examined client matters and reasonably obtained information about matters that may require attention.

4. For active matters, the Custodian conducted a reasonable search to locate applicable clients, tribunals, or other interested persons or entities. For closed matters, the Custodian conducted a reasonable search to locate applicable clients.

5. The Custodian provided reasonable notice that the Court assumed jurisdiction over \_\_\_\_\_’s law practice. The Custodian suggested that clients obtain other legal counsel and reasonably made arrangements for surrender or delivery of client papers, files, and other client property.

6. Client funds, if any, [are \_\_\_\_\_ (OR) could not be located (OR) were located and distributed as follows: \_\_\_\_\_]. On information and belief, there are no other client funds and no remaining client property, apart from unclaimed client files.

7. Despite reasonable investigation, not all clients were located. Notice to some clients returned undeliverable, and some clients with notice have yet to claim their client files. Other than to reasonably respond to inquiries, the Custodian anticipates no further activity to deliver unclaimed client files.

8. To conclude custodianship of the law practice of \_\_\_\_\_, the Custodian requests that the Court authorize destruction of the following on or after \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

- a. All unclaimed client files; and
- b. All client files stored in digital form.

9. Subject to reasonable conditions required by the Court, the Custodian requests that the custodianship be dissolved and that the undersigned be discharged from further obligation.

**WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED**, the Custodian respectfully requests that the Court accept this Report, dissolve the Custodianship of the Law Practice of \_\_\_\_\_, discharge the undersigned as Custodian, and grant other relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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State Bar No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This certifies that on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, a copy of this instrument was served on the following by the method indicated:

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*Via* \_\_\_\_\_

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