

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

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE LAW PRACTICE OF

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IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ COURT  
OF  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER FOR ASSUMPTION OF JURISDICTION OVER  
THE LAW PRACTICE OF \_\_\_\_\_, DECEASED**

On this day, the Court considered the Application for Assumption of Jurisdiction Over the Law Practice of \_\_\_\_\_, Deceased. The [Applicant and/or \_\_\_\_\_] appeared and \_\_\_\_\_. After considering the record in this cause, the Court GRANTED the Application.

The Court makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. \_\_\_\_\_, State Bar Card No. \_\_\_\_\_, was an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Texas;
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is deceased and, as of the time of death, designated \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, as the practice's principal location;
3. Cause exists to believe that court supervision is necessary because the death of \_\_\_\_\_ left one or more client matters for which no other attorney licensed to practice law in Texas has, with the consent of the client(s), agreed to assume responsibility;
4. There is cause to believe that interests of one or more clients of the deceased attorney, or one or more interested persons or entities, will be prejudiced if these proceedings are not maintained; and
5. As set forth in the Application, files and records of the law practice of \_\_\_\_\_ may be located at \_\_\_\_\_.

The Court concludes that court supervision over the law practice of \_\_\_\_\_ is necessary. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Court assumes jurisdiction over the law practice of \_\_\_\_\_, deceased.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following member[s] of the State Bar of Texas [is/are] appointed to serve as Custodian[s] pursuant to Tex. Rules Disciplinary P. R. 13.03:

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

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Custodians shall, by reason of this appointment, do one or more of the following:

1. Examine the client matters, including client files and records of \_\_\_\_\_'s law practice;
2. Give reasonable notice to those appearing to be clients of \_\_\_\_\_ of the Court's assumption of jurisdiction over \_\_\_\_\_'s law practice and suggest that they obtain other legal counsel;
3. Give reasonable notice to persons or entities that may be affected other than the client(s);
4. Subject to screening for discovery under Article 39.14 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and to the extent client property can be reasonably located, arrange for surrender or delivery of client files or file-related client property; and
5. Do such other acts as the Court may direct.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Custodian[s] shall serve without bond or other security.

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

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JUDGE PRESIDING

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANT

**CONSENT TO VOLUNTEER AS COURT-APPOINTED CUSTODIAN[S] OF THE LAW  
PRACTICE OF \_\_\_\_\_:**

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