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**Initiating Probate and Appointing Personal Representative  
Questionnaire**

**Deceased's Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender:  male  female Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Death date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marital status:  single  married  
Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Will Information**

Is there a will?  Yes  No (if yes, it must be filed with the court—**we will need the original**)

Are there any codicils/amendments?  Yes  No (if yes, each must be filed with the court)

Identify any codicils, including their dates of execution: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If there is a will, was a personal representative nominated?  Yes  No  
If yes, who was nominated? \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Information (Applicant/Personal Representative Information)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Will sign documents in: State: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Deceased:  spouse  child  heir/devisee  sibling  parent  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Heirs/Devisees (These are people who will inherit from the decedent)** (attach additional pages if needed)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  male  female

entity

Relationship to Decedent:  spouse  child  heir/devisee  other: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal status:  adult  minor  trust Birth date (if minor): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  male  female

entity

Relationship to Decedent:  spouse  child  heir/devisee  other: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal status:  adult  minor  trust Birth date (if minor): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ male female  
entity  
Relationship to Decedent: spouse child heir/devisee other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal status: adult minor trust Birth date (if minor): \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship to Decedent: spouse child heir/devisee other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Legal status: adult minor trust Birth date (if minor): \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ male female  
entity  
Relationship to Decedent: spouse child heir/devisee other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Legal status: adult minor trust Birth date (if minor): \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Assets

There are generally three different categories of assets in decedent's estates. They include assets that are solely owned by the decedent, not jointly held with another person, and not payable on death. An example is solely owned real estate. An asset that is jointly held with another person would include joint tenancy assets, which could be real estate or other, such as brokerage accounts. The third category

are assets which are automatically payable on death, which would usually include life insurance, retirement plans, and sometimes brokerage accounts.

For the purpose of our investigation, please include all assets, no matter how held, as long as wholly or partially in the decedent's name. We will discuss with you how those assets fit into the probate picture if at all.

The best way to provide information on assets is to provide copies of title documents such as deeds to real estate, bank account statements, investment account statements, business interests etc. Here are the general categories of assets that we usually find involved in estates:

Real Estate, including timeshares

Bank accounts

Investment (brokerage) accounts

Life Insurance

Retirement Plans

Business interests