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Client Questionnaire – Probate

Please fill out this questionnaire. It is important that you answer each question fully. It is imperative that you be candid!

You should answer all questions relevant to your case. If a question does not apply to your particular situation, please indicate by marking the question "N/A." If the answer to any question requires more space than has been provided on the form, please complete your answer on a separate sheet: Refer to the question number to which your answer applies, and attach your answer to this questionnaire.

Your responses to these questions will help to organize your case and will save you money on attorney's fees in trying to gather and assemble information after the case is in progress. Since your answers are being made to an attorney, you are assured of confidentiality and are protected by the attorney-client privilege.

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PART I - PERSONAL DATA

NAME of DECEDENT: _____

Alias Names (if any): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____

Place of Death: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Was Decedent a U.S. citizen? Yes: ___ No: ___

If naturalized U.S. citizen, Date and Place of Naturalization: _____

Location of Will, if any: _____

Date of Will: _____

Location of Codicils, if any: _____

Date of Codicils: _____

NAME of PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____

Work #: _____ Fax #: _____

E-mail: _____ Pgr #: _____

Relationship to Decedent: _____

NAME of ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____

Work #: _____ Fax #: _____

E-mail: _____ Pgr #: _____

Relationship to Decedent: _____

PART II - BENEFICIARIES or HEIRS AT LAW

NAME of SPOUSE/DOMESTIC PARTNER: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____

Work #: _____ Fax #: _____

E-mail: _____ Pgr #: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Date and place of marriage/domestic partnership: _____

Status of Spouse: Living Deceased Under Conservatorship

CHILDREN'S INFORMATION:

Name	Living	Age	Birthdate	Married	Address
_____	Yes/No	_____	_____	Yes/No	_____
_____	Yes/No	_____	_____	Yes/No	_____
_____	Yes/No	_____	_____	Yes/No	_____
_____	Yes/No	_____	_____	Yes/No	_____
_____	Yes/No	_____	_____	Yes/No	_____
_____	Yes/No	_____	_____	Yes/No	_____

For each child, state the name of the child's other parent, if not decedent's surviving spouse/partner. _____

OTHER DEPENDENTS, IF ANY:

Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Residence:** _____

GRANDCHILDREN'S INFORMATION

Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Birthdate:** _____ **Names of parents:** _____

Please list the names of decedent's parents, brothers, and sisters, and state whether they are living, and if so, list their city and state of residence.

Name:	Relationship:	Living	Residence:
_____		Yes/No	_____
_____		Yes/No	_____
_____		Yes/No	_____
_____		Yes/No	_____

List, as well, the same information for the surviving spouse's/partner's parents and siblings.

Name:	Relationship:	Living	Residence:
_____		Yes/No	_____
_____		Yes/No	_____
_____		Yes/No	_____
_____		Yes/No	_____

Please provide the following information regarding decedent's former marriages, if any:

Name of former spouse	Living	Date of Death or Divorce
_____	YES/NO	_____
_____	YES/NO	_____
_____	YES/NO	_____

PART III - DECEDENT'S DESIGNEES

TRUSTEE (i.e., the person who will be responsible for the long-term management of property for the surviving spouse, children or other beneficiaries)

Name of Trustee: _____

Address: _____

Hm Phone No.: _____ Wk Phone No.: _____

1st Alternate Trustee: _____

2nd Alternate Trustee: _____

3rd Alternate Trustee: _____

GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILDREN (i.e. the person who will take physical care of any minor children should both parents die)

Name of Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Hm Phone No.: _____ Wk Phone No.: _____

1st Alternate Guardian: _____

2nd Alternate Guardian: _____

3rd Alternate Guardian: _____

PART IV - ASSETS

Describe decedent's property. If known, indicate whether the property is separate property, the surviving spouse's/partner's separate property, or community property. If not, state the name(s) which appear on the title, if known, and state whether the property is held with right of survivorship, if known.

CASH & ACCOUNTS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS: (include cash, traveler's checks, money orders, and accounts with commercial banks, savings banks, credit unions, etc.)

CASH

Cash on hand: _____

Traveler's checks: _____

Money orders: _____

ACCOUNTS

Name of financial institution: _____

Account title: _____

Account number: _____

Type of account: (checking/savings/money market/CD/Other _____)

Current account balance (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of financial institution: _____

Account title: _____

Account number: _____

Type of account: (checking/savings/money market/CD/Other _____)

Current account balance (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of financial institution: _____

Account title: _____

Account number: _____

Type of account: (checking/savings/money market/CD/Other _____)

Current account balance (as of _____): \$ _____

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Name of financial institution: _____

Account title: _____

Account number: _____

Type of account: (checking/savings/money market/CD/Other _____)

Current account balance (as of _____): \$ _____

REAL ESTATE: (include any real property on which decedent and/or decedent's surviving spouse/partner are an owner, joint owner or have an interest in any manner, including property purchased in recreational developments and time-shares.)

Street address: _____

State/County of location: _____

Legal description (if necessary, attach a copy to this worksheet):

Current fair market value (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of mortgage company and account number, if any: _____

Current balance of mortgage (as of _____): \$ _____

Other liens against property: _____

Current net equity in property: \$ _____

Street address: _____

State/County of location: _____

Legal description (if necessary, attach a copy to this worksheet):

Current fair market value (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of mortgage company and account number, if any: _____

Current balance of mortgage (as of _____): \$ _____

Other liens against property: _____

Current net equity in property: \$ _____

Street address: _____

State/County of location: _____

Legal description (if necessary, attach a copy to this worksheet):

Current fair market value (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of mortgage company and account number, if any: _____

Current balance of mortgage (as of _____): \$ _____

Other liens against property: _____

Current net equity in property: \$ _____

MINERAL INTERESTS: (include any property in which the parties own the mineral estate, separate and apart from the surface estate, such as oil and gas leases; also include royalty interests, working interests, and producing and non-producing oil and gas wells)

Name of mineral interest/lease/well: _____

Type of interest: _____

State/County of location: _____

Legal description (if necessary, attach a copy to this worksheet):

Name of producer/operator: _____

Current value (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of mineral interest/lease/well: _____

Type of interest: _____

State/County of location: _____

Legal description (if necessary, attach a copy to this worksheet):

Name of producer/operator: _____

Current value (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of mineral interest/lease/well: _____

Type of interest: _____

State/County of location: _____

Legal description (if necessary, attach a copy to this worksheet):

Name of producer/operator: _____

Current value (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of mineral interest/lease/well: _____

Type of interest: _____

State/County of location: _____

Legal description (if necessary, attach a copy to this worksheet):

Name of producer/operator: _____

Current value (as of _____): \$ _____

BROKERAGE /MUTUAL FUND ACCOUNTS:

Name of brokerage firm/mutual fund: _____

Name of account (and subaccounts if any): _____

Account Title: _____

Account number (and numbers of subaccounts if any): _____

Value (as of _____)\$ _____

Name of brokerage firm/mutual fund: _____

Name of account (and subaccounts if any): _____

Account Title: _____

Account number (and numbers of subaccounts if any): _____

Value (as of _____)\$ _____

Name of brokerage firm/mutual fund: _____

Name of account (and subaccounts if any): _____

Account Title: _____

Account number (and numbers of subaccounts if any): _____

Value (as of _____) \$ _____

Name of brokerage firm/mutual fund: _____

Name of account (and subaccounts if any): _____

Account Title: _____

Account number (and numbers of subaccounts if any): _____

Value (as of _____) \$ _____

Name of brokerage firm/mutual fund: _____

Name of account (and subaccounts if any): _____

Account Title: _____

Account number (and numbers of subaccounts if any): _____

Value (as of _____) \$ _____

STOCKS, BONDS & OTHER SECURITIES: (include securities not in a brokerage account, mutual fund, or retirement fund)

Name of security: _____

Number of shares: _____

Type: (common stock/preferred stock/bond/other _____)

Certificate numbers: _____

In possession of: _____

Name of exchange on which listed: _____

Current market value (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of security: _____

Number of shares: _____

Type: (common stock/preferred stock/bond/other _____)

Certificate numbers: _____

In possession of: _____

Name of exchange on which listed: _____

Current market value (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of security: _____

Number of shares: _____

Type: (common stock/preferred stock/bond/other _____)

Certificate numbers: _____

In possession of: _____

Name of exchange on which listed: _____

Current market value (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of security: _____

Number of shares: _____

Type: (common stock/preferred stock/bond/other _____)

Certificate numbers: _____

In possession of: _____

Name of exchange on which listed: _____

Current market value (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of security: _____

Number of shares: _____

Type: (common stock/preferred stock/bond/other _____)

Certificate numbers: _____

In possession of: _____

Name of exchange on which listed: _____

Current market value (as of _____): \$ _____

CLOSELY HELD BUSINESS INTERESTS: (include sole proprietorships, professional practices, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies and partnerships, joint ventures, and other nonpublicly traded business entities)

Name of business: _____

Address: _____

Type of business organization: _____

Percentage of ownership: _____

Number of shares owned (if applicable): _____

Value (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of business: _____

Address: _____

Type of business organization: _____

Percentage of ownership: _____

Number of shares owned (if applicable): _____

Value (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of business: _____

Address: _____

Type of business organization: _____

Percentage of ownership: _____

Number of shares owned (if applicable): _____

Value (as of _____): \$ _____

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY (i.e., patents, copyrights, trademarks, and royalties, etc.)

Item Identification	Location	Value
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

RETIREMENT BENEFITS: (including Defined Contribution Plans, Defined Benefit Plans, IRA's, SEP's, KEOGH's, Nonqualified Plans and Government Benefits such as civil service, teacher, railroad, state and local, etc.)

Name of plan: _____

Name and address of plan administrator: _____

Type: (IRA/SEP/KEOGH/DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN/DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN/GOVERNMENT BENEFIT _____, OTHER _____)

Employee: _____

Employer: _____

Starting date of creditable service: _____ Percent vested: _____

Account Title: _____

Account number: _____

Payee of survivor benefits: _____

Designated beneficiary: _____

Current account balance (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of plan: _____

Name and address of plan administrator: _____

Type: (IRA/SEP/KEOGH/DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN/DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN/GOVERNMENT BENEFIT _____, OTHER _____)

Employee: _____

Employer: _____

Starting date of creditable service: _____ Percent vested: _____

Account Title: _____

Account number: _____

Payee of survivor benefits: _____

Designated beneficiary: _____

Current account balance (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of plan: _____

Name and address of plan administrator: _____

Type: (IRA/SEP/KEOGH/DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN/DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN/GOVERNMENT BENEFIT _____, OTHER _____)

Employee: _____

Employer: _____

Starting date of creditable service: _____ Percent vested: _____

Account Title: _____

Account number: _____

Payee of survivor benefits: _____

Designated beneficiary: _____

Current account balance (as of _____): \$ _____

LIFE INSURANCE:

Name of insurance company: _____

Policy number: _____

Name of owner: _____

Name of insured: _____

Designated beneficiary: _____

Date of issue: _____

Type of insurance: [term/whole/universal] Face amount: \$ _____

Amount of premiums [monthly/quarterly/semiannually]: \$ _____

Cash surrender value: \$ _____

Name of insurance company: _____

Policy number: _____

Name of owner: _____

Name of insured: _____

Designated beneficiary: _____

Date of issue: _____

Type of insurance: [term/whole/universal] Face amount: \$ _____

Amount of premiums [monthly/quarterly/semiannually]: \$ _____

Cash surrender value: \$ _____

Name of insurance company: _____

Policy number: _____

Name of owner: _____

Name of insured: _____

Designated beneficiary: _____

Date of issue: _____

Type of insurance: [term/whole/universal] Face amount: \$ _____

Amount of premiums [monthly/quarterly/semiannually]: \$ _____

Cash surrender value: \$ _____

Name of insurance company: _____

Policy number: _____

Name of owner: _____

Name of insured: _____

Designated beneficiary: _____

Date of issue: _____

Type of insurance: [term/whole/universal] Face amount: \$ _____

Amount of premiums [monthly/quarterly/semiannually]: \$ _____

Cash surrender value: \$ _____

ANNUITIES:

Name of company: _____

Policy number: _____

Name of owner: _____

Name of annuitant: _____

Designated beneficiary: _____

Date of issue: _____

Type of annuity: _____ Face Amount: \$ _____

Amount of premiums [monthly/quarterly/semiannually]: \$ _____

Current value (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of company: _____

Policy number: _____

Name of owner: _____

Name of annuitant: _____

Designated beneficiary: _____

Date of issue: _____

Type of annuity: _____ Face Amount: \$ _____

Amount of premiums [monthly/quarterly/semiannually]: \$ _____

Current value (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of company: _____

Policy number: _____

Name of owner: _____

Name of annuitant: _____

Designated beneficiary: _____

Date of issue: _____

Type of annuity: _____ Face Amount: \$ _____

Amount of premiums [monthly/quarterly/semiannually]: \$ _____

Current value (as of _____): \$ _____

Name of company: _____

Policy number: _____

Name of owner: _____

Name of annuitant: _____

Designated beneficiary: _____

Date of issue: _____

Type of annuity: _____ Face Amount: \$ _____
Amount of premiums [monthly/quarterly/semiannually]: \$ _____
Current value (as of _____): \$ _____

MOTOR VEHICLES, BOATS, AIRPLANES, CYCLES, ETC. (including mobile homes, trailers, and recreational vehicles)

Year: ____ Make: _____ Model: _____
Name on certificate of title: _____
In possession of: _____
Vehicle identification number: _____
Name of creditor if loan against vehicle: _____
Current balance (as of _____): \$ _____
Current net equity in vehicle: \$ _____

Year: ____ Make: _____ Model: _____
Name on certificate of title: _____
In possession of: _____
Vehicle identification number: _____
Name of creditor if loan against vehicle: _____
Current balance (as of _____): \$ _____
Current net equity in vehicle: \$ _____

Year: ____ Make: _____ Model: _____
Name on certificate of title: _____
In possession of: _____
Vehicle identification number: _____
Name of creditor if loan against vehicle: _____
Current balance (as of _____): \$ _____
Current net equity in vehicle: \$ _____

Year: ____ Make: _____ Model: _____
Name on certificate of title: _____
In possession of: _____
Vehicle identification number: _____
Name of creditor if loan against vehicle: _____
Current balance (as of _____): \$ _____
Current net equity in vehicle: \$ _____

Year: ____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Name on certificate of title: _____

In possession of: _____

Vehicle identification number: _____

Name of creditor if loan against vehicle: _____

Current balance (as of _____): \$ _____

Current net equity in vehicle: \$ _____

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY: (including household furniture, furnishings, and fixtures, electronics and computers, antiques, artwork, collections, sporting goods, firearms, jewelry and other personal items, livestock, etc.)

Description of Asset: _____

Owner: _____

Current Value: \$ _____

Description of Asset: _____

Owner: _____

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Owner: _____

Current Value: \$ _____

Description of Asset: _____

Owner: _____

Current Value: \$ _____

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES:

Name of depository: _____

Box number: _____

Names of persons with access to contents: _____

Items in safe-deposit box: _____

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Box number: _____

Names of persons with access to contents: _____

Items in safe-deposit box: _____

Name of depository: _____

Box number: _____

Names of persons with access to contents: _____

Items in safe-deposit box: _____

INDICATE DOCUMENTS CLIENT SHOULD BRING TO INTERVIEW

- _____ 1. Prior and present Wills, and any codicils
- _____ 2. Death certificate
- _____ 3. Paid funeral bills
- _____ 4. Trust instruments in which client is grantor, trustee, or beneficiary
- _____ 5. Income tax return (most recent)
- _____ 6. Gift tax returns (all)
- _____ 7. Texas intangible tax return (most recent)
- _____ 8. Financial statements prepared by accountant
- _____ 9. Financial information submitted to lending institutions
- _____ 10. Real and personal property tax bills
- _____ 11. Deeds to property
- _____ 12. Mortgages
- _____ 13. Vehicle titles

- _____ 14. Copies of any bills and creditors' addresses
- _____ 15. Government, municipal, and corporate bonds
- _____ 16. Government, municipal, and corporate bonds
- _____ 17. Life and health insurance policies and annuities and summary of current owner and beneficiary provisions
- _____ 18. Savings account passbooks, statements relating to certificates of deposit, money market certificates, and liquid daily asset accounts
- _____ 19. Stockholder or partnership agreements
- _____ 20. Pension and profit-sharing plans and summary of current benefits
- _____ 21. Leases
- _____ 22. Instruments under which client has any interest or power of appointment
- _____ 23. Prenuptial, postnuptial, or separation agreements
- _____ 24. Judgments of dissolution of marriage
- _____ 25. Court orders or agreements under which client is obligated to provide support
- _____ 26. Wills of other family members, if pertinent
- _____ 27. _____