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In the County Courts at Law

of

Fort Bend County, Texas

Administrative Order Requiring the Use of the Court’s Approved Form for Small Estate Affidavits

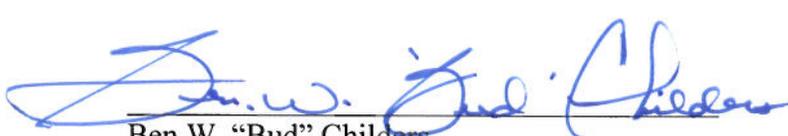
On this day, the Fort Bend County Courts at Law (“Courts”) find there is a need for an administrative order regarding the form to be used when a Small Estate Affidavit is filed in all Fort Bend County Courts at Law under Texas Estates Code Chapter 205.

The Courts find that over half of the Small Estate Affidavits filed in Fort Bend County do not provide all of the information the code and the Courts require. While approval of a Small Estate Affidavit is within the court’s discretion (see Estates Code §205.003), it wastes the resources of both the Court and the applicants for the Courts to evaluate incomplete affidavits.

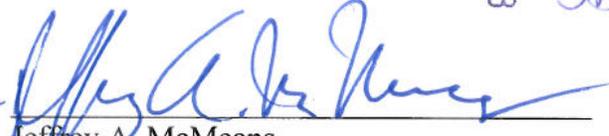
Therefore, the Courts have created a Small Estate Affidavit Form that – if completely and correctly filled out – includes all information necessary to enable the Courts to determine whether the Courts should approve a Small Estate Affidavit. This Small Estate Affidavit form is posted on the County Courts at Law website.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that effective October 1, 2014, the Fort Bend County Courts at Law will not approve any Small Estate Affidavit Form other than the approved form posted on the Court’s website (or any posted modifications of the approved form), or one that is in strict compliance with the posted form and Texas Estates Code Chapter 205.

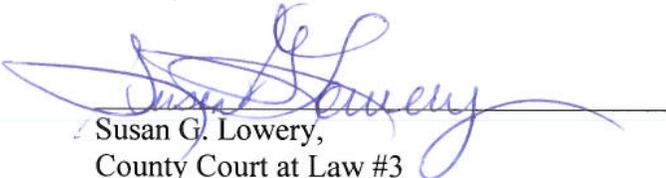
Signed this 30 day of September, 2014.



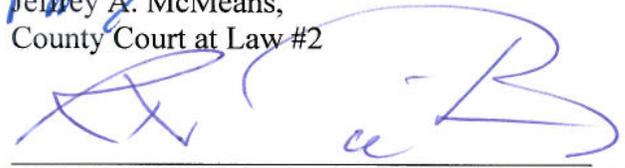
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