

# ESTATE OR TRUST ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION PACKET

## ELDER LAW PRACTICE OF MONICA FRANKLIN, LLC

Your appointment with us is: \_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_\_ Knoxville office at 4931 Homberg Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919. Directions to our office are enclosed or available on our website.

**These questions pertain to the person (“you”) for whom we are planning.** We ask a lot of questions on this form because we need a lot of information for Estate Administration. Please call us at (865) 588-3700 if you have any questions or concerns about completing this form.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

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### ***1. Personal Information related to the decedent and you.***

Your name: _____	Decedent's Full Name: _____
Address: _____	Date of _____
_____	Date of _____
Phone: _____	Address: _____
Email: _____	Relationship to you: _____
County: _____	SSN: _____
Date of birth: _____	Did the decedent have(check one): _____ a Will, or
Cell phone: _____	_____ a Trust, or
SSN: _____	_____ both

**2. Relatives of Decedent: Please list the Decedent's spouse, children (if an adult child is deceased, list that child and date of death. List that child's children if the deceased child left children. Also, if the Decedent has living parents and/or siblings, please list them below.**

<p>Name: _____  Relationship to Decedent: _____  _____  _____  Address: _____  _____  _____  Phone: _____  Email: _____  Date of Birth: _____  Date of Death: _____</p>	<p>Name: _____  Relationship to Decedent: _____  _____  _____  Address: _____  _____  _____  Phone: _____  Email: _____  Date of Birth: _____  Date of Death: _____</p>
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**PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY FOR RELATIVES' INFO.**

DID the Decedent have any dependents (that is, someone who depended on him/her, in whole or in part, for their support)?  Yes  No  
If yes, who?: \_\_\_\_\_

Are any of the Decedent's children receiving Supplement Security Income, Social Security Disability; or, if not, has any major disabilities?  Yes  No  
If yes, who?: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Resources**

**A. Personal Residence—Please bring a copy of the Warranty Deed**

Address of property: \_\_\_\_\_

Names as they appear on deed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Acquired: \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Value: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax-Appraised Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Mortgage Company (include address and phone number, or a recent account statement):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mortgage Balance: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Other Real Estate—Please bring a copy of the Warranty Deed(s)**

Address of property: \_\_\_\_\_

Names as they appear on deed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Acquired: \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Value: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax-Appraised Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Mortgage Company (include address and phone number, or a recent account statement):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mortgage Balance: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of property: \_\_\_\_\_

Names as they appear on deed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Acquired: \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Value: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax-Appraised Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Mortgage Company (include address and phone number, or a recent account statement):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mortgage Balance: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Other Assets—Please attach recent account statements**

These are your bank accounts, CDs, annuities, stocks, retirement plans, and the like.

**Type of Asset:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Value: \_\_\_\_\_

How is it titled?: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Value of Assets on this Page:** \_\_\_\_\_

Did the Decedent have a safe deposit box?     Yes             No

If yes, list name of bank, branch and box number.

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**D. List all life insurance. Please bring policies with you.**

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Insured: \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary: \_\_\_\_\_

Death Benefit (face value): \_\_\_\_\_

Cash surrender value: \_\_\_\_\_

Loan against policy (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Insured: \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary: \_\_\_\_\_

Death Benefit (face value): \_\_\_\_\_

Cash surrender value: \_\_\_\_\_

Loan against policy (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Insured: \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary: \_\_\_\_\_

Death Benefit (face value): \_\_\_\_\_

Cash surrender value: \_\_\_\_\_

Loan against policy (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**E. List large items of personal property Decedent owned (cars, boats, RVs, farm equipment, etc.):**

Personal Property (Item)	Value

Have the funeral and burial expenses been paid?  Yes  No

If no, list the funeral home with the address and contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Money Decedent Owed—Please bring recent account statements showing debt owed.**

(Please attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.)

Creditor's Name	Amount Owed
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
<b>Total</b>	_____

**5. Gifts and Transfers**

Has the Decedent made any gifts or transfers, greater than \$500.00, to any individuals or to a trust within the last 60 months?  Yes  No

If yes, please furnish the indicated information for each gift or transfer:

To whom: _____	To whom: _____
Date of gift: _____	Date of gift: _____
Item: _____	Item: _____
Value: _____	Value: _____
To whom: _____	To whom: _____
Date of gift: _____	Date of gift: _____
Item: _____	Item: _____
Value: _____	Value: _____

**6. Please bring the death certificate with you to your appointment.**

## Ten Things to Do When Someone Dies

1. Pronouncement of Death: You need an official Pronouncement of Death to obtain a Death Certificate. This can be made by a doctor, coroner, or a police officer (if the death occurs at home). If the death occurs at home and you call 911 for paramedics, they will attempt resuscitation before pronouncing death.
2. Notify Family and Friends: The first business to take care of is to notify family and friends. It can be helpful to allow other family members or friends to help with the notification process.
3. Notify Us: Please let us know so that we can assist you in any way possible.
4. Funeral and Burial Arrangements: First, check with us or look through the deceased's papers to see if he or she had a prepaid burial plan or wrote any instructions regarding his or her funeral/memorial service. The Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care has a section for this information. Contact a funeral home and/or a religious leader for help with funeral arrangements. We also recommend taking a trusted friend or family member with you to the mortuary to make the arrangements.
5. Obituary: Check to see if the deceased wrote an obituary—it might be located with their Will in their safe deposit box at the bank. If they have not written an obituary, ask other family members and long-time friends for help.

Note: If your name is also on the Safe Deposit Box, you can enter it at any time. If not, an heir or beneficiary of the Will can ask the bank to search the box for a Will, a deed for a burial plot, and burial instructions. If your name is not on the Safe Deposit Box, and if there are no estate planning documents in the box, the bank will not allow you access.

6. Other details: In the first several days, it helps to allocate the tasks required. Choose people to help answer the phone, collect mail, take care of the lawn, care for pets and find new homes for pets if necessary, and provide food for family and friends after the funeral. We also recommend finding someone to stay at the home of the deceased during the funeral; there have been reports of burglars who scan the obituaries and break into empty homes during funeral services.

7. Death Certificates: Obtain several copies of the Death Certificate; you cannot simply purchase one and make copies—you must order all the copies you need. The number needed depends on how complex the deceased person's estate was and how many agencies will need to be notified of the death. We recommend ordering 10 to start. The funeral director can help obtain the Death Certificates, or you may order certified Death Certificates from the state Vital Records Office. Tennessee's Vital Records' website is <http://health.state.tn.us/vr/>
  
8. Notifications of Death: Within the first 10-15 days of death, any institution from which the deceased received paychecks needs to be notified of their death. This includes an employer for pension checks and Social Security. The Social Security Administration is on the look-out for fraud, so it is best to notify them soon and before additional checks are received. Social Security and many pension plans have survivorship benefits for spouses and surviving family members—generally, the surviving spouse is eligible for 100% of the deceased's benefits. When you contact them to notify them of the death, they can help you determine the survivorship benefits.

After you have rested from the funeral, it is time to begin notifying other people and institutions, such as:

- a. Bank: they will help you locate accounts and the re-title joint accounts or accounts with beneficiary designations;
- b. Post Office: file a request at a local Post Office to redirect mail addressed to a deceased individual. Information about this can be found at <http://www.usps.com/receive/deceasedpersonsmail/deceased-persons.htm> The Direct Marketing Association (DMA) has also a Deceased Do Not Contact List that removes the deceased's name from all commercial marketing lists. To register a name and learn more, visit <https://www.ims-dm.com/cgi/ddnc.php>;
- c. Insurance Agents: they will help you obtain the forms to make claims for life insurance, and let them know if the decedent's house is vacant;
- d. Utility Companies: if the deceased's house will now be empty, you can change or stop their services;
- e. Newspaper or magazines: if the deceased subscribed to newspapers or magazines, contact them to discontinue the subscription;
- f. Police: they can check the house of the deceased occasionally if it is empty;
- g. Investment professionals: if the deceased had investments, they can help obtain information on holdings.

9. Make an Appointment With Us and Gather Important Documents: Look for and bring with you to our meeting important documents such as:
- a. Will,
  - b. Trusts,
  - c. Deeds,
  - d. Safety Deposit box rental agreements and keys,
  - e. birth certificates,
  - f. marriage certificates,
  - g. nuptial agreements,
  - h. life insurance policies,
  - i. tax returns,
  - j. gift tax returns,
  - k. pensions/retirement benefits,
  - l. IRA accounts,
  - m. divorce documentation,
  - n. computer financial records,
  - o. bank statements and checkbooks,
  - p. titles or leases to motor vehicles,
  - q. documentation of business ownership or interest,
  - r. health insurance,
  - s. military records and discharge papers,
  - t. certificates of deposit,
  - u. mortgage policies,
  - v. stock and bond certificates, and
  - w. unpaid bills.

10. Will and Probate: We will help you make decisions regarding if or when to open probate, how and when to pay creditors, and how to distribute the assets and property in the Will or Trust.

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