

## EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK OF THE COURT

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To: Public Announcement

From: Probate Division, Eighth Judicial District Court

Date: October 16, 2018

Re: Ex-Parte Petitions for an Order of Discharge

The Eighth Judicial District Court is auditing all active probate cases in the District and identified a number of cases that appear to be inactive, requiring further attention by the involved parties, namely the appointed Personal Representative and/or Administrator of the case (the "PR") and their attorney of record.

Pursuant to this audit, noticed was mailed by the Court asking the PR to file a Status Report. After initial inquiries were received from the public and local bar, the Court discovered that many of these cases involved estates with little to no assets/debts. The Court then gave initial approval for the use of an Ex-Parte Petition for an Order of Discharge, wherein notice to interested parties would not be required if the estate did not have assets/debts to administer.

Please note that the Court has reevaluated this procedure and, before an Order of Discharge will be issued, the PR is expected to follow the requirements of Title 12 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and appropriate Rules of Civil Procedure, such as filing an inventory/accounting and obtaining the Court's approval of the estate's administration.

For those parties who have already filed an Ex-Parte Petition for an Order of Discharge, the Court will treat this pleading as a Status Report. Upon review of the Ex-Parte Petition (Status Report), the Court will elect to either: (i) close the case and revoke any Letters of Administration/Testamentary with an Order Statistically Closing Case, but <u>will not</u> discharge the PR or (ii) request additional information from the party who filed the pleading.

You may contact the Probate Law Clerk, John L. Waite III, at 702.671.4379 or <u>waitej@clarkcountycourts.us</u> with any questions or comments you may have. Probate Forms are available at: <u>http://www.civillawselfhelpcenter.org/forms/probate-forms</u>