

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: Request for Status Report

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 and requires further attention by the involved parties, namely the appointed Personal Representative and/or Administrator of the case (the "PR") and their attorney of record.

The Court is mailing notices in these inactive cases and instructing the PR to file a Status Report. Essentially, the Court seeks to identify those inactive cases that (i) requires further administration and requests an outline of the PR's intentions for the case, (ii) do not require administration because no assets/debts were marshalled/paid by the PR, (iii) the estate was fully administered but the PR did not properly close the case through an accounting and request for a discharge order, or (iv) the case was resolved by some either method but was not closed by the Clerk of Court.

Upon review of the 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. In the event that the PR wishes to obtain an order discharging her/him from the Court's jurisdiction and approving their actions, the PR is required to file a Petition for an Order of Discharge, with an appropriate accounting/description of the estate's administration. Please note that forms are available at: <u>http://www.civillawselfhelpcenter.org/forms/probate-forms</u> to help you file the appropriate pleading/document with the Court.

Finally, many of the inactive cases involve a potential or actual lawsuit/claim involving the wrongful death and/or injury of the Decedent. In such instances, the Order appointing the PR may require her/him to obtain the Probate Court's approval of any settlement that is reached regarding such a claim. In the event that the PR failed to obtain approval prior to settling a claim on behalf of the estate, regardless of whether the estate received any amounts under the settlement agreement, the PR is still required to submit the agreement to the Probate Court for approval, essentially a nunc pro tunc order approving the settlement. The matter will also require a hearing and notice to all interested parties.

You may contact the Probate Law Clerk, John L. Waite III, at 702.671.4379 or waitej@clarkcountycourts.us with any questions or comments you may have.