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COURT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR WITH WILL ANNEXED

As the duly appointed Administrator and/or Administrator with Will Annexed of this Estate, you are hereby advised by the Court that you must do the following:

- 1) File your Oath and Bond within 20 days;
- 2) File your Inventory, Appraisal, and List of Claims within 90 days;
- 3) Within one (1) month after receiving letters, you shall publish notice to creditors as required by §308.051 Texas Estates Code;
- 4) Place all Estate funds in insured accounts in the name of the Estate. Retain in a checking account only such funds as are reasonably necessary to pay the debts of the Decedent and the expenses of administering this Estate. Place all additional funds in interest-bearing accounts at the highest interest rate then available;
- 5) Preserve, protect, and insure, if insurable, all non-cash assets of the estate;
- 6) Obtain a written Order of the Court authorizing any expenditure of estate funds before any such expenditures are made;
- 7) Obtain a written Order of the Court before attempting to sell, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of any non-cash asset of the estate;
- 8) Maintain an accurate record of all expenditures and receipts of estate funds;
- 9) Obtain a written Order of the Court before attempting to file or settle a lawsuit on behalf of the estate or in your capacity as Administrator.
- 10) If the Estate is not closed within the first year then file your Annual Account each year on the anniversary date of your qualification. This account should be prepared by your Attorney using the Court's required Annual Account form (for Estates) located at <https://www.smith-county.com/government/elected-officials/county-courts-at-law-judges/county-court-at-law-3/form-download-center>;
- 11) File your Final Accounting (using the Court's required Annual Account form) when the Estate is ready to be closed and seek the order of the Court regarding a determination of the heirs of the Estate for purposes of distributing the remaining assets when the Estate has been fully administered. These documents should be prepared by your Attorney.

Clay White, Judge
County Court at Law #3, Smith County, Texas

I, Administrator of this Estate, hereby attest that I have read the above and understand its contents.

Administrator

Date

Attorney for Administrator