

CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE ESTATE  
OF \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE COUNTY COURT  
AT LAW NO. \_\_\_\_ OF  
HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER APPOINTING ATTORNEY AD LITEM**

*Pursuant to Tex. Est. Code §§ 53.104, 202.009, 258.052*

On this day, pursuant to Tex. Est. Code §§ 53.104, 202.009, 258.052, the Court finds it necessary to appoint an Attorney Ad Litem to represent and protect the interests of the heirs of the Decedent herein whose names and/or locations are unknown in the following proceeding to (*attorney submitting order must select type of proceeding below*):

- ☐ Declare Heirship  
☐ Probate Copy of Lost Will or a Lost Will Without a Copy  
☐ Probate Will More than Four Years After the Testator's Death

It is THEREFORE ORDERED that the Attorney listed below, who is an Attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, is appointed Attorney Ad Litem to represent and protect the interests of the heirs of the Decedent herein whose names and/or whereabouts are unknown or who are suffering legal disability.

*(Court will select the attorney)*

ATTORNEY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that said Attorney Ad Litem is to perform, with due diligence, the duties listed below:

1. obtain and review all relevant pleadings & documents;
2. file an answer on behalf of the clients;
3. contact the attorney for the applicant to obtain: (A) copies of the pleadings and any other documentation affecting descent and distribution, and (B) the names and contact information of family members and disinterested witnesses;
4. personally interview the applicant, other knowledgeable witnesses, including disinterested witnesses, to verify the heirship facts;
5. make an independent determination of whether the information provided is sufficient, whether anyone has been omitted, or if any heirs may be minors or otherwise incapacitated or whose names and/or locations may be unknown;
6. send a letter by certified mail, return receipt requested, to any potential heirs of the decedent whose names and/or location were unknown that you have located, informing them they may have an interest in the decedent's estate, and they should hire an attorney to protect their interest. Such letter shall be included in the written report of the Attorney Ad Litem.
7. prepare and file a written report of the Attorney Ad Litem within 30 days of this Order;
8. attend and participate in the hearing; and
9. submit a fee application and order of discharge at the hearing.

**SIGNED ON THE FOLLOWING DATE:**\_\_\_\_\_.

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JUDGE PRESIDING