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D.C. Superior Court

CIVIL PROCEDURE

MOTION FOR RELEASE OF CORPSE FROM MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

Précis: Where there is a dispute among those claiming authority to dispose of a decedent's body for funeral purposes, statutory law gives the D.C. Superior Court jurisdiction over the dispute which, by its very nature, must be an abbreviated proceeding. No hearing is required, although the Court may conduct one in its own discretion. Where a decedent has left written instructions as to his funeral arrangements, even outside a will, they are entitled to great deference. Typically, the priority of preferences for the disposition of a corpse are: current spouse, parents, immediate or extended family members, or other relatives. Where there are no such relatives, the Code permits an adult friend or volunteer to control disposition of the remains. The pertinent statute requires the Court to consider at least five basic factors: (1) the express wishes of the decedent; (2) the practicality of the action requested; (3) the expense and resources which the decedent left to carry it out; (4) the degree of personal relationship between the decedent and his designee; and (5) the degree to which the action will allow for participation by all who wish to pay final respects to the decedent. No particular consideration carries more weight than the others and other factors could come into play. Where written instructions have been left, the only questions are the competency of the Decedent to make them and whether they constitute legally sufficient advance directive which meets the requirements of the statute. If a signature is required on the documents, those sent by email, with no indication of mistake or fraud, will suffice for an electronic signature.

Abstract: This case proves that, as with taxes, death does not necessarily shield one from being the subject of litigation.

Facts. In this non-probate matter, the Decedent, a 26-year-old U.S. Navy veteran, who had served three tours of duty in Iraq (ending in 2008), was one of an increasing number of veterans of that conflict who committed suicide after his Honorable Discharge and return stateside. Before taking his own life in May 2010, he laid out express written instructions for the cremation of his body, his wish not to have any kind of funeral or memorial service, that none of his actual family attend the burial, and the disposition of his personal property and residual financial assets. He also took the time to leave a separate last will and testament. He never married and had no children, and although he did have surviving relatives, including a brother and his birth father, he consciously excluded them all from his *post mortem* plans. Instead, he designated the Petitioners herein, longtime friends with whom he had enjoyed a quasi-family relationship throughout this life, as the principals to carry out his wishes. Prior to his death, he even forwarded the Petitioners a cashier's check to cover the plans for his cremation and interment in a designated V.A. cemetery. **Rulings.** The Trial Court ruled on the issues presented as follows: **(A) Statutory Framework.** The District has laws governing the release of a corpse from the Medical Examiner's Office for the purposes of a funeral. In the most common situation, there is a current spouse, parent(s), immediate or extended family members, or other relatives (in that order) who have statutory rights as to the legal custody of the decedent's body for burial. Where there are no such relatives, the Code permits an "adult friend or volunteer" to control disposition of the remains. A legally valid written designation by an adult decedent who was competent at the time of making it, however, trumps this order of priority. In this case, the designees as Petitioners were competing with the birth father

over who should have the prerogative to properly dispose of the Decedent's body. Such disputes are statutorily assigned to the Superior Court for resolution, although they must, of necessity, be abbreviated. The pertinent statute requires the Court to consider at least five basic factors: (1) the express wishes of the decedent; (2) the practicality of the action requested; (3) the expense and resources which the decedent left to carry it out; (4) the degree of personal relationship between the decedent and his designee; and (5) the degree to which the action will allow for participation by all who wish to pay final respects to the decedent. No particular consideration carries more weight than the others and other factors be come into play. Although the statute does not require a formal hearing, the Court, as here, may hold such a hearing in its sound discretion. The Court took the time to point out, however, that the issue before it in this case was not which party would be awarded the dispositional prerogative, inasmuch as it found that both were competent to be endowed with it, but whether the Decedent's instructions constituted "constituted a legally sufficient advance directive that meets the requirements of" the pertinent statute. **(B) Findings of Fact.** Likewise, even though the statute does not require written findings of fact in such a case, the Trial Court nevertheless made ab-

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breviated ones. The Decedent's father, who lives in Georgia, and the Petitioners were the only parties seeking control of his remains. For whatever reasons, he was alienated from all his blood relatives but had a close relationship with the Petitioners, with whom he had lived, dating back to his childhood. His written *post mortem* instructions, although rendered via email and therefore unsigned, were explicit and clear and there was no real question as to the provenance of the document. He also left a signed will with two witness signatures, as required by law, stating his preferences in several categories. He also provided for the financial recourses to carry out his wishes. **(C) Conclusions of Law.** The Court emphasized that its opinion did not constitute a formal probate finding, but that it considered the will only as an indication of the Decedent's competency and final wishes. It ruled that several courts, including the Superior Court, have provisions in effect as to both email filings and the nature of a "signature" via email where that is a requirement. It further concluded that, although they were not governing as to the central issue of the case (the validity of the documentation), the five factors which the statute requires the Court to consider had been properly framed by the Decedent's written instructions. It also concluded that the Petitioners had standing to pursue their cause of action. It noted specifically that the Decedent's competency was not called into question simply because he had committed suicide. Although the statute does not set forth a standard of proof, the Court presumed the preponderance of the evidence standard. Finally, the Court concluded as a matter of law that the Decedent's relationship with the Petitioners was so close as to constitute a "family relationship" and that they were earnestly attempting to carry out the last wishes of their loved one. That the Decedent had expressed his desire not to have any member of his actual family present at his interment, while unfortunate for them, nevertheless did not present any issue of incompetency or invalidate his final instructions. It "would be unfair and totally in contravention of the Decedent's express instructions" to do otherwise, the Court held.

IN RE ESTATE OF Z.R., B.G. and N.G., Petitioners

D.C. Super. Ct. No. 2010 CA 3267. Decided May

21, 2010. (Hon. Cheryl M. Long, Trial Judge). *Eva N. Juncker, Esq., Michele Zavos Law Group, PLLC*, for Petitioner. *Sharlene Williams, Esq.*, General Counsel, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

[NOTE: With the advice and consent of Judge Long, and due to the personal nature of the events leading up to this case and to respect the privacy of those concerned, all names of those involved have been substituted with their initials.]

AMENDED MEMORANDUM ORDER GRANTING PETITIONERS' EMERGENCY MOTION FOR RELEASE OF BODY

LONG, Judge: The purpose of this memorandum order is to set forth the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law supporting a final judgment in favor of the Petitioners, and the original Memorandum Order filed on May 20, 2010 is amended only to correct three clerical errors. The Petitioners are B.G. and her husband, N.G. They filed on May 12, 2010 their "Emergency Motion for Release of Body" (hereinafter "the Motion"). They are proceeding pursuant to the legal requirements of D.C. Code §3-413 (2001).

Not being a complaint filed in a typical civil action, the instant Motion was initially directed to the Judge-in-Chambers, as if it was a TRO matter.¹ Upon further review by the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division, the case was certified to this Court for all purposes so as to avoid undue delay in adjudication. The Petitioners served the decedent's father and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (hereinafter "CME") with a copy of the Motion, and they were apprised of a hearing for May 14, 2010. When the parties came before this Court on May 14, 2010, the Court allowed the parties a generous amount of time to confer, to attempt to settle the case. No settlement was achieved by the end of the day, and the Court scheduled the case for a trial-type proceeding that convened on May 18, 2010.² For ease of reference, the Court hereinafter will refer to the hearing as the "trial."

This case basically involves a request by two persons for authority to obtain and dispose of the remains of a deceased person known as Z.R.. The decedent committed suicide on May 5, 2010 and had made express provisions for the disposition of his remains prior to killing himself. His written plan is proffered to the Court as the basis for entitlement to relief. That plan took the form of a number of documents. More than one of them is alleged to be individually sufficient as a lawful, advance directive. In any event, the keystone of the decedent's instructions was to designate B.G. and N.G. as the persons to be empowered to obtain his remains and to effectuate

his instructions regarding disposition of the remains.

The Petitioners formally seek this relief from the Superior Court only because the decedent's father, C.M., opposes their involvement altogether. Their plan is to enforce the decedent's instructions to have his remains cremated, to bury them at a particular military cemetery, and to do so without any funeral or participation of the decedent's father and other relatives. When the parties first came before the Court, counsel for the CME informed the Court that the CME was originally willing to release the remains to the decedent's father, but desires to avoid a lawsuit for failure to relinquish the remains to him. Thus, the Petitioners have sought a judicial ruling to resolve the impasse. When the parties failed to settle the case, counsel for the CME informed the Court that C.M. does plan to honor most of the decedent's wishes, but only to the extent of utilizing cremation and interring the remains at the military cemetery. C.M. later reiterated this position in open court at the close of the trial. The operative matter in dispute is that the decedent's father simply refuses to stay away from the burial process, whatever it might be, and to relinquish the planning to the Petitioners.

Based upon the following evidence and legal analysis, this Court is firmly convinced that the Petitioners are entitled to a judgment in their favor.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The District of Columbia Code includes very explicit provisions that regulate who shall have "the right to control the disposition of the remains of a deceased person, the location and conditions of interment, and arrangements for funeral goods and services" that may be used for those purposes. D.C. Code §3-413(a). Section 413 covers the order of priority of persons who are entitled to do so, and it regulates how the Superior Court shall resolve any disputes on this subject.

Order of Priority. For those persons who die without a child or a spouse (as is the case with Z.R.), the Code states that the decedent's surviving parent shall have authority to obtain and dispose of the remains. D.C. Code §3-413(a) (3).

Where a person dies with no blood kin at all, the Code then permits an "adult friend or volunteer" to control disposition of the remains. D.C. Code §3-413(a) (5).

It is clear that the statutory order of priority

dictates who shall have control over the disposition of human remains "[u]nless other directions have been given by the decedent." D.C. Code §3-413(a). The decedent's instructions are the focus of this case.

The Code fully recognizes a person's right of self-determination as far as one's own body is concerned. This is no different than recognizing a person's right to choose a medical decision-maker or to make an advance directive concerning end-of-life medical care. The Code permits "any competent adult" to make advance plans and directives to control the disposition of his or her own remains "without the pre-death or post-death consent of any other person by executing a document, in accordance with this section, which expresses the individual's wishes regarding the disposition of his or her body." D.C. Code §3-413(b) (1). The law states, "Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any competent adult may designate an individual who shall be empowered to make decisions concerning the disposition of the human remains of the individual by executing a document in accordance with this section." D.C. Code §3-413(b) (2) (A) (emphasis added). In other words, a person is not required to make plans that give any priority to a family member of any degree or to any family member at all. A person is likewise not required to explain or justify his choices and instructions.

The document recognized in Section 413(b) (1) must conform to certain legal requirements and the Code specifies those elements. The Code states in pertinent part:

The document shall include language that clearly communicates the individual's intent to have the person so designated make decisions regarding the disposition of the individual's human remains upon death. The document shall become effective upon the death of the individual choosing the representative.

A document executed under subsection (b)(1) and (2) of this section shall be dated and signed by the individual delineating the disposition of his or her remains upon death under subsection (b)(1) of this section or designating a representative under subsection (b)(2) of this section.

D.C. Code §3-413(b) (2) (B) – (c).³

There are no other statutory requirements regarding a written directive of a decedent,

i.e. no requirement that it be notarized, no requirement for being in a particular written form, no requirement of how it is preserved or transmitted to the person relying upon it, no requirement that it be witnessed, and no requirement that it meet the statutory elements of any other kind of estate-related document, such as a will.

Resolution of Disputes. The jurisdiction of the Superior Court is invoked based upon the Code provision for litigation. The Code provides, "Disputes concerning the right to the control or the disposition of the remains of a deceased person shall be resolved by a court of competent jurisdiction." D.C. Code §3-413.01 (emphasis added).

If there is a dispute between persons with competing claims to control a decedent's remains, the Code directs how a trial court shall set forth its decision. The Code identifies particular considerations that the Court must weigh regarding the competing claimants.

The Court "is required to consider" the following factors: (1) the "reasonableness, practicality, and resources available for payment for the proposed arrangements and final disposition;" (2) the "degree of the personal relationship between the decedent and each of the persons in the same degree of relationship to the decedent;" (3) the "expressed wishes and directions of the decedent and the extent to which the decedent has provided resources for the purpose of carrying out those wishes or directions;" (4) the "degree to which the arrangements and final disposition will allow for participation by all who wish to pay respect to the decedent." D.C. Code §3-413(e) (1-4). The law does not require the Court to give any particular weight to any one or more factors, nor does the law preclude the consideration of other, un-enumerated factors or circumstances. Finally, the Code does not require that any oral hearing or trial be convened, rather than a decision being made upon written filings.

Nature of the Dispute Herein. Without question, the present dispute is not between competing blood relatives in different priority categories or even within the same priority category. Rather, the sole issue in dispute is whether the decedent executed a legally sufficient advance directive that meets the requirements of Section 413. For this reason, the four statutory factors are not necessarily relevant here and do not drive the Court's decision. The internal content of Section 413.01 concerns disputes between persons

within the same degree of consanguinity, such as competing first cousins or competing siblings. No matter what the facts may show on those four factors, they have no genuine connection to the legal sufficiency of the documents proffered by the Petitioners. Nonetheless, for prudential reasons, the Court will make brief findings as to what the facts do establish on these factors.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Because of the obviously urgent nature of the circumstance herein, the Court will not tarry long to summarize an unnecessary level of detail from the testimony.

Pertinent Background Evidence Concerning the Decedent and the Petitioners. It is uncontested that Z.R. died on May 5, 2010 and that he killed himself.⁴ He had been honorably discharged from the United States Navy on May 23, 2008. Petitioner's Exhibit 3 is a copy of the official Department of Defense form that effectuated the decedent's discharge. It is known as the "DD 214" form.⁵ At the date of death, Z.R. was 26 years of age. At present, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the District of Columbia is holding the remains of the decedent and will not release them without a court order. Thus, the burial of the decedent is entirely stymied in the absence of judicial relief.

Second, Z.R. was not survived by any spouse or children. Although prior to the trial the Petitioners seemed to be uncertain about whether C.M. is actually the father of the decedent, the Court elected to presume that he is the true father.⁶ The Petitioners do not quibble with this approach. Thus, it was not necessary for the Court to delve into the paternity issue. C.M. resides in Statesboro, Georgia. The decedent was survived by one brother, and he may have other relatives as well. They have not come before the Court to seek control over the remains.

Third, the decedent had with the Petitioners a close relationship of great love and trust, dating back to his childhood. The record is replete with facts illustrating the extremely strong bond between the decedent and the [Petitioners'] family. Those unchallenged facts emerged principally from the testimony of B.G. and N.G. They were very credible, and other witnesses corroborated what they described. The decedent grew up in South Carolina and K.G. (the son of the Petitioners) was his best friend. They attended school together, and the decedent visited the home

of the [Petitioners'] family every week. Eventually, when the decedent entered the 11th grade, he decided to leave the abode of his biological family and to begin living with the [Petitioners'] family. They readily welcomed him because they knew that he was being adversely affected by unspecified "family strife." He lived with the [Petitioners'] family until he graduated from high school. After trying college for one year, he entered the military and completed three tours of duty in Iraq. The Petitioners effectively treated Z.R. like a son, and he treated their house as "home" whenever he was on leave from the military. In fact, upon his discharge from the military, the decedent identified B.G. as his "closest relative" for purposes of his discharge documentation. This is reflected on the DD-214 form.

The closeness between the decedent and the [Petitioners'] family was described and verified also by T.K. (decedent's partner for five years). T.K. knew of the decedent's biological family as well as the [Petitioners'] family. B.M., another former partner of the decedent, also testified that the decedent acknowledged both his biological family and the [Petitioners'] family. According to T.K., the decedent very much loved and appreciated the [Petitioners'] family as the people to whom he could turn during any crisis. According to T.K., the decedent only "spoke of pain" whenever he recounted dealings with certain members of his biological family.

The facts concerning the close relationship between Z.R. and the Petitioners are relevant only to illustrate the context of his written instructions and to provide some historical background. These facts also serve to demonstrate that the decedent's plan was not borne of anything bizarre, such that decedent's competency should be questioned.⁷ However, this Court has no need to make pronouncements about the quality of the decedent's relationship with his father. The Court paused to assure C.M. that he was not expected to justify himself as a parent at the trial, as this is not relevant to the legal sufficiency of the documents that are proffered as the basis for the claim. This is a legal question that has nothing to do with whether the decedent and his father liked each other or loved each other or whether C.M. was a good father.

The decedent composed, preserved, and provided to the Petitioners his very explicit directions as to the disposition of his remains.

Those directions were made in a number of distinct forms: (1) a highly-detailed e-mail sent by the decedent to the Petitioners on May 5, 2010 at 2:35 a.m.; and (2) a document that is labeled as Last Will and Testament but which was not admitted into evidence for purposes of probate. The Petitioners rely on other documents as well, and these papers yield details that are consistent with the affirmative directive to B.G.

The important, internal content of these documents are summarized herein below.

The Last Will and Testament. Admitted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 4, this document consists of a generic, printed form that was filled in by the decedent with basic information. This included a recitation of his assets (such as bank accounts), his debts (such as credit card and car loan), and a designation of the Petitioners as the residuary legatees of the estate. There are no special bequests in the will. The decedent also made provision for an alternative beneficiary, if N.G. and B.G. do not survive him. As the alternative, residuary legatee, he named K.G.

The Last Will was witnessed by two persons, who made their signatures beneath the signature of the decedent. The document was notarized as well, although this is not a District of Columbia requirement for the due execution of a will. One of the trial witnesses was J.B., a witness to the execution of the will. He testified that he is employed at a UPS store on Connecticut Avenue, N.W. in the District of Columbia. The manager of the store is a notary public, and people often come to this store to have documents notarized. J.B. stated that he is often a witness to such documents. When the decedent brought the will for execution and notarization on May 4, 2010, he recognized Z.R. as a previous customer. According to J.B., the notary asked Z.R. questions about the nature of the document and required Z.R. to produce proper identification. J.B. is not a social friend of Z.R. and has absolutely no connection to other people in this case.⁸

On its face, the will does not contain any directions as to what must be done with the decedent's remains. It contains lines that strike through the sections where a person would have inserted information in the categories of "funeral or cremation arrangements" and "newspaper obituary information." It also does not include any designation of a person to be empowered to obtain his remains.

The Decedent's E-Mail to the Petitioners.

The two Petitioners, through counsel, have produced a copy of a lengthy and highly-detailed e-mail sent by the decedent to them jointly in the early morning hours of May 5, 2010. It was transmitted at 2:35 a.m. on May 5, 2010 and directed it to two e-mail addresses of B.G.. This document was admitted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 2. It is clear from the content of the e-mail that the decedent planned to kill himself shortly after sending this communication. B.G. testified that she first saw this e-mail when she activated her home computer at 6:00 a.m. on May 5, 2010.

This e-mail begins with a formal salutation, "Dear N.G. and B.G." In the e-mail, Z.R. designated them to be empowered to make decisions concerning the disposition of his remains. He did this by stating:

PLEASE wrap up my administrative affairs. I have itemized and created a list of things that may help you in this process. Please, my blood relatives ARE NOT to have any participation in my business affairs!! I would like you all to be the sole administrators in this process. I have sent them an email noting this as well. In my apartment you will find a will to reinforce my wishes as well.

Petitioners' Exhibit 2 at 1 (capitalization in original).

It is clear that the decedent used the term "administrative affairs" to include cremation of his remains, burial at a military cemetery, a prohibition of any funeral or ritual at the interment, as well as the disbursement of his property. The decedent sought to account for nearly anything that the Petitioners would need in order to carry out his instructions.

This e-mail is a remarkable three-page document that contains five distinct sections of directions and information to guide the Petitioners in the disposition of the decedent's human remains and all of his personal property. Those sections are denominated as: (1) "Funeral Arrangements," (2) "Finances," (3) "My Apartment," (4) "Points of Contact," and (5) "Friends to Help Out." It is instructive to examine what the decedent had to say on all of these topics, because (taken as a whole) they reflect the depth and specificity of his preferences and expectations.

Funeral Arrangements. Here, the decedent left no illusions about what he wanted to be done with his remains. He wrote:

NO FUNERAL: I wish to be cremated and buried at the Fort Jackson VA Cemetery. This is to include NO ceremony either. I would really like this to be done immediately. I find no honor in this and I don't want the dog and pony show of people gathered in a church. In my apartment I have all of the required documents need [sic] for this process. All you will need is my DD-214 [referring to Department of Defense]. All of my documents are in a blue crate at my house.

Exhibit 2, at 1 (capitalizations in original).

In the section regarding "Friends to Help," the decedent re-emphasized his desire for cremation and the total non-involvement of his family.

Finances. The decedent made a detailed explanation as to how the disposition of his remains could be financed. He wrote:

I have taken out all of my savings and placed it into a cashiers [sic] check made out to N.G. The check is already in the mail and should be at the house by the end of this week. I mailed it UPS mail. This should cover any expenses as far as the cremation, burial, and transfer of the body, etc.

Exhibit 2 at 2.

In addition, the decedent wrote that the Petitioners could also access other bank accounts, stock, and retirement accounts, if necessary. He told the Petitioners, however, "I am sure there is enough money to cover a basic cremation and burial fees with this check I sent." *Id.*

The decedent also summarized what he wanted the Petitioners to do with his automobile (surrender it to the creditor). He added, "Again, in my apartment you will find the needed documents to carry you through the administrative process (i.e. DD-214, and my notarized will). I do not want my relatives having anything to do [sic] my affairs." *Id.* The Department of Defense form (which documents his honorary discharge) was admitted into evidence separately.

My Apartment. In essence, the decedent explained that he had already cleaned out his residence, sorted through his personal belongings, and had tagged them for distribution to friends or for donation to charity. Exhibit 2 at 2.

Points of Contact. Z.R. listed several persons as individuals to be contacted upon

his death. They were his supervisor at his place of employment (H.M.), his brother J.B., and a group of friends who had left their own personal items in the decedent's apartment and who should be called to retrieve them. Exhibit 2 at 2.

Friends to Help Out. Finally, the decedent listed four individuals who should be contacted to assist with the physical removal of items from the apartment. Here, Z.R. again addressed the issue of the non-involvement of his family. He paused to emphasize the following,

I know this seems cruel and petty, but I literally do not want my family (either side) to have anything to do with this process. I just want this to be over. I know you all may see me differently after this, and I apologize if there are any hard feelings. But please know I was going through a lot that I don't think many could understand and I just broke. I'm totally serious about being cremated and no funeral or ceremony.

Again, I love yall [sic] and my life would have not seen a fraction of the joy and love it did had it not been for you guys. I'm also begging you all to please forgive me for this.

Exhibit 2 at 3 (emphasis added).

It is clear to the Court that the decedent's reference to "this process" means all aspects of the disposal of his remains, as well as the disposal of his personal effects and other property.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the following analysis of the evidence and applicable law, this Court is convinced that the Petitioners have satisfied their burden of proving entitlement to relief. The Court concludes as a matter of law that all of the statutory factors, to any extent that they are relevant, weigh in favor of granting the instant Motion. The evidence supports this conclusion as follows.⁹

Framing the Legal Issues. As a threshold matter, it is important to articulate the practical issues that the Court must decide. The enumerated statutory factors in the Code seem to presuppose that the crux of a dispute dissolves into a question of choosing between or among various persons who may or may not be in the same category of priority—in the absence of legally sufficient instructions of the decedent. Thus, the key issue is whether the e-mails and other written statements of

the decedent are legally sufficient to warrant a judgment in favor of the Petitioners. If so, the weighing of the statutory factors does not appear to be pertinent at all. Nonetheless, to be cautious, the Court will consider and weigh those factors, for whatever they are worth. See further discussion, *infra*.

Preliminary Matters at Trial. Prior to hearing testimony, the Court denied a preliminary motion to dismiss, made by counsel for the CME. This ruling clarified the roles of the parties. C.M. did not have a lawyer who explicitly represented him in court as an individual party.¹⁰ As a practical matter, nonetheless, his position was essentially defended at the outset of the trial by the Assistant Attorney General who more precisely represents the Office of the CME. The crux of the CME's position was that the Petitioners did not have any advance directive that complied with the Code. Counsel was careful to make it clear that she did not represent C.M., and C.M. acknowledged to the Court that he understood this. He also told the Court that prior to the trial, he had consulted with a lawyer who was not participating in the proceedings but who gave him an analysis of the documents that C.M. had shown to him.¹¹ Those documents were generally the same as most of those admitted into evidence.

Eventually, the agency's attorney excused herself from the trial (but remained in the courtroom) based upon the Court's denial of the agency's motion to dismiss.¹² The Court ruled that C.M., not the CME, was the proper respondent in the case.

At the trial, this Court heard the sworn testimony of several witnesses, who were called by the Petitioners. Those witnesses were: (1) B.G.; (2) K.G.; (3) B.M.; (4) J.B.; and (5) T.K. The Court afforded C.M. an opportunity to testify under oath. Ultimately, he declined in favor of presenting his arguments at the close of the trial.

Legal Sufficiency of the Decedent's Written Statements. The Court renders the following conclusions of law with respect to the alleged, advance directive of the decedent.

In closing argument, counsel for the Petitioners identified three different documents that assertedly could stand alone as a legally sufficient advance directive. They are: (1) the Last Will and Testament; or (2) the May 5, 2010 email transmitted to B.G., or (3) the DD 214 form.

This Court concludes as a matter of law that only the May 5, 2010 email to B.G. is sufficient to stand alone as an advance directive that fully complies with Section 413, even though certain portions of the other documents corroborate the explicit instructions in that e-mail. The Court will set forth its conclusions more fully as follows.

The E-Mail from the Decedent to B.G. The Court concludes as a matter of law that the electronic mail from the decedent to B.G. is a vivid, complete, unambiguous set of instructions that affirmatively designates both Petitioners as those "who shall be empowered to make decisions concerning the disposition of the human remains" of the decedent, to effectuate the cremation and burial pursuant to the decedent's wishes, and to enforce the decedent's express prohibition against the participation of his blood relatives in these events. The Court reaches this conclusion for the following reasons.

One, the document on its face was plainly intended by the decedent to be a roadmap for the Petitioners to follow.

Two, the instructions are comprehensive, as they include specifications for the manner of disposition (cremation as opposed to full-body burial), the site of the burial, and disallowance of any funeral or other ceremony or ritual at the time of the burial, and the express desire of the decedent that his blood kin not be present or participating in these activities. The plan is cohesive and does not leave out key elements.

Three, the e-mail contains explicit instructions as to how the decedent's plan is to be financed. Indeed, B.G. testified that the \$5,000.00 check was deposited, and there is no doubt about the Petitioners' ability to pay for what the decedent has ordered.

Four, the decedent's instructions are obviously signed and in writing, as the statute requires. This Court concludes that this e-mail, having been authenticated as genuinely coming from the decedent, is a valid method of communicating a written document that is "signed."

While the decedent's signature is not physically written on the e-mail in original handwriting, the e-mail is a written document that was transmitted over the Internet, and the decedent included what amounts to an electronic signature. The decedent utilized an electronic signature when he explicitly ended the communication by reciting his full name, "Z.D.R." Without doubt, this

was the decedent's way of authenticating this communication, irrespective of the appearance of his e-mail address itself. The Court interprets this typed recitation of his full name to suffice as a signature because in the modern era e-mail is commonly understood to be a legitimate form of direct, human communication. The Superior Court itself, at the time of the execution of this e-mail, had already adopted a formal Rule of Civil Procedure to allow both attorneys and *pro se* parties to file court papers electronically and to "sign" them electronically. This Rule is most instructive.

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals promulgated amendments to Rule 5 of the Superior Court Civil Rules, relating to court filings using the Internet. The United States District Courts had already recognized the advent of electronic filing and their Rules were amended to account for this new era of written communications. The Superior Court is required to enact equivalent amendments in the absence of an extraordinary reason to do otherwise. Rule 5 covers all facets of service and filing of pleadings and other papers. In pertinent part, the new iteration of Rule 5 provides in pertinent part:

Every document filed electronically through the Court's authorized eFiling system shall be deemed to have been signed by the attorney who made the filing or authorized that the filing be made. Each filing shall bear either an "/s/" or a typographical or imaged signature on the signature line. Below the signature line there shall appear the typed name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and Bar number of the attorney who submitted the filing. A party appear *pro se* who chooses to eFile through the Court's authorized eFiling system shall use either an "/s/" or a typographical signature on the signature line and must include under that line, his or her name, address, telephone number and email address.

Super. Ct. Civ. R. 5 (e) (2) (B) (ii).

The electronic filing of papers with the Superior Court uses the same Internet through which all ordinary electronic mail is transmitted. Effectively, then, the federal courts and the Superior Court broadly now recognize a "typographical" signatures in an e-mail to constitute a signature on a pleading or other filing. Indeed, the judges of the Superior Court now employ electronic signatures on official court orders,

although they are specially “imaged” for security purposes and are not typographical. Accordingly, there is absolutely no logical reason for this Court to reject the decedent’s typographical signature (*i.e.* the recitation of his entire name at the close of his e-mail) as evidence that he “signed” his advance directive.

Because time is of the essence, due to the decomposition of the decedent’s remains, the Court will not pause to catalog all of the statutes, court rules, and case law from across the nation that are consistent with this Court’s conclusion that an electronic signature in an e-mail suffices to create a “signed” document.¹³

The proverbial bottom line is that the absence of a handwritten signature of the decedent on the e-mail to B.G. does not render it defective under Section 413.

Significantly, Section 413 is a statute that was enacted in 1984, many years before electronic mail was even available to the public. Thus, no one can seriously suggest that the statute precludes recognition of an electronic signature. The advent of e-mail could not have been anticipated by the Council of the District of Columbia in 1984, and this is obviously why it is not mentioned in Section 413. Indeed, in the subsequent years during which Web-based commerce and communication has flourished, the Council has never amended Section 413 so as to forbid the use of electronic signatures.

The manner in which human signatures have become legally accepted has expanded with modern technology. Sending signatures through FAX transmissions has become commonplace, and they are accepted as true signatures for litigation purposes when they are otherwise properly identified. The Internet brings only a higher level of technology to cover the same need, *i.e.* preservation and transmission of signed documents. There is no common sense reason for this Court to reject the decedent’s advance directive merely because it was signed electronically. Ironically, such a rejection cannot be reconciled with the Council’s legislative choice not even to require a Section 413 statement to be notarized or witnessed. The lack of such requirements strongly implies that a decedent’s instructions made pursuant to Section 413 need not be overly formal in a picayune way.

In the instant case, the record contains no evidence that the e-mails from the decedent to B.G. and others were forged or falsified

in any way. C.M. expressed to the Court his personal skepticism about the authenticity of the e-mails, but this was rooted in his personal surmise and nothing more.¹⁴

The Last Will and Testament. The Court concludes as a matter of law that the purported Last Will and Testament of the decedent does not comply with Section 413(c). The Court concludes as a matter of law that this document, on its face, does not suffice as a complete and explicit set of instructions and directives from the decedent regarding the disposition of his remains. On its face, it simply does not contain a discrete designation of an individual to be empowered to make decisions about the fate of his remains. While the will contains the notation “n/a” written by the decedent over the strike-through of funeral-related sections, the Court cannot grant relief to the Petitioners based only upon the Last Will and Testament. Nonetheless, purely in a circumstantial way, the “not applicable” indications are consistent with the instructions e-mailed to B.G.

This Court will not make any legal determinations about the sufficiency of this document as a valid will for purposes of probate. It was admitted into evidence solely as a document that is alleged to be an advance directive as to disposition of remains.

The DD-214 Form. The Court concludes as a matter of law that this form, by itself, is not sufficient to serve as advance instructions that comply with Section 413. The Court is persuaded not to rely upon this document because it is devoid of affirmative instructions regarding the control of the decedent’s remains and contains no designation of a person to make such decisions. At most, it only contains a reference to B.G. as the decedent’s “nearest relative.” Clearly, she is not a relative at all. The decedent’s choice to categorize her in this way merely confirms their close relationship and his high regard for her, but that is all.

Consideration of the Statutory Factors. None of the evidence on the Section 413.01 factors neutralizes the legitimate, written instructions of the decedent. Instead, the evidence regarding some of those factors fully supports the logic and completeness of the decedent’s instructions, and they illustrate that he took collateral steps to facilitate his own instructions to B.G.

Resources Available. There is no doubt that the financial resources necessary for the decedent’s cremation, transfer, and burial are

more than sufficient. He made certain of this before he died. B.G. confirms that she received from the decedent (and deposited) a cashier’s check in the amount of \$5,000.00 (five thousand). She does not complain that this is not a sufficient sum of money to comply with the decedent’s instructions and no one has suggested such a problem.

Relationship Between Decedent and the Persons in Same Degree of Relationship. This factor is plainly not applicable in the instant case, because the Petitioners and C.M. are manifestly not in the “same degree of relationship” to the decedent.

The Expressed Wishes and Directions of the Decedent and the Extent to Which the Decedent Has Provided Resources for the Purpose of Carrying Out Those Wishes or Directions. Without question, the decedent carefully insured that the Petitioners would have funds readily available to pay for his cremation and burial.

The Degree to Which the Arrangements and Final Disposition Will Allow for Participation by All Who Wish to Pay Respect to the Decedent. Obviously, the decedent’s instruction directly addressed this factor, *i.e.* he did not want any members of his biological family to participate in any facet of his burial or the planning for such.

For what it is worth, the Court has considered whether it would be fair to deny the instant motion simply because of the assertion of C.M. that he would have the remains cremated and buried at the military cemetery chosen by his son (or even if he also agreed not to stage any funeral or other burial ceremony). The Court concludes that this would be unfair and totally in contravention of the decedent’s express instructions. The non-involvement of his family in his burial was a material part of the decedent’s advance directive. The Court has no discretion to pick and choose from among the decedent’s instructions in the process of enforcing them. To do so would render an advance directive to be meaningless. WHEREFORE, it is by the Court this 21st day of May 2010, *nunc pro tunc* to May 20, 2010

ORDERED that the Emergency Motion for Release of Body is granted; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that final judgment shall be entered in favor of the Petitioners; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioners B.G. and N.G. are fully empowered to obtain the exclusive control of the remains

of the decedent known as Z.R., to insure cremation of the remains, and to arrange burial of the remains without any funeral or ceremony, and to direct military officials to exclude decedent's biological relatives from participation in the burial; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall release the remains of Z.R. forthwith to the Petitioners and to any funeral director that they designate to handle the remains.

FOOTNOTES:

1. There are no named Respondents in the caption or body of the Motion. The statute under which this case is filed does not specify whether the Court's jurisdiction should be invoked by complaint, petition, motion, or any other form of action.

2. No party sought to take any discovery.

3. Thus, a person's directions can be limited to merely naming a person empowered to make all decisions in her or her own discretion, or the directions may mandate the details of what must be done with the remains without designating who shall enforce the directions. In the instant case, the decedent's instructions covered all of these matters.

4. The exact manner of death is not identified anywhere in the trial record, nor is it relevant.

5. The Petitioners produced the certified original of this form. The Court inspected it and returned it to their counsel after finding that the copy was a perfect match. The original need not be in the Court file, as there is no dispute about its authenticity.

6. C.M. was prepared to proffer a copy of a court order from another jurisdiction in which he had been ordered to pay child support for the decedent.

7. No one has proffered evidence that the decedent was not competent, irrespective of his choice to commit suicide. While killing oneself can be triggered by mental imbalance, the mere act of self-destruction is not evidence that the decedent herein lacked competence to make a will or to make discrete decisions about money, etc. Indeed, nothing in the relevant documents themselves discloses any basis for inferring a lack of competence. The content of the decedent's writings is coherent and business-like.

8. C.M. at one point in the trial suggested that J.B. and other witnesses previously knew each other and are effectively conspiring against him. This accusation is utterly baseless.

9. The Code does not specify a standard of

proof to be applied. Where a statute is silent as to standard of proof, the Court presumes that the standard should be the preponderance of the evidence in a civil case. However, to be careful, the Court has applied the higher standard of clear and convincing evidence. The evidence in this trial exceeded both standards.

10. Though not named as a respondent, C.M. certainly had the status of a party.

11. He did not identify the lawyer, nor did he indicate whether the lawyer was in Georgia or the District of Columbia.

12. Counsel for the CME made the novel argument that the Court had no subject matter jurisdiction to entertain the Petitioner's Emergency Motion. Counsel's theory was that the Petitioner's gripe was an "appeal" from the agency's "determination" that the remains should be released to C.M. Counsel implied that the only way to challenge this apparently unwritten decision was to utilize the customary judicial review procedures that apply to judicial review of administrative, regulatory decisions. The Court denied the motion based upon the express provisions of Section 413 regarding resort to a court of competent jurisdiction to resolve a "dispute." The statute does not define what circumstances necessarily trigger a dispute and does not distinguish between disputes arising directly between a claimant and the CME or those that do not involve the CME at all. The relevant Code provisions that speak of "disputes" clearly presuppose that the dispute is between two private parties, not between a person and a government agency. It makes no sense for a dispute of this nature to be mired in a judicial review process that could take months or years to elapse. Moreover, there is no indication that the Office of the CME ever made a regulatory decision through a hearing officer, administrative law judge, or other adjudicative process, as opposed to its counsel merely turning away the Petitioners based upon her own legal analysis. If anything, the fact that the Code mandates judicial consideration of specific factual evidence is a clear indication that the Superior Court is not expected to be merely an appellate body.

13. A LEXIS search revealed many such sources, particularly from United States District Courts across the nation.

14. Witnesses T.K., B.M., and K.G. identified the decedent's e-mail address that appears in e-mail that Z.R. had sent to them. They all had received many e-mails from Z.R. That address was identical to the e-mail source address used by the decedent to communicate

with the Petitioners. Their e-mail also was sent during the same time period as the e-mail to the Petitioners. There is no doubt that the e-mail to the Petitioners was genuine.

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**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION
Washington, DC 20001
Foreign No. 2010-0076**

**SYLVIA JENNINGS ALEXANDER, Deceased
OCT 8, 2009, Date of Death**

Notice of Appointment of Foreign

Personal Representatives And Notice to Creditors

MARY E. ALEXANDER AND HUGH C. ALEXANDER, whose addresses are 3413 IRISH RD., ESMONT, VA 22937 & 3501 FALLING GREEN RD., OLNIEY, MD 20832, were appointed Personal Representative of the estate of SYLVIA JENNINGS ALEXANDER, deceased, by the CIRCUIT Court for ALBEMARLE County, State of VIRGINIA, on OCT 28, 2009. Service of process may be made upon BRIAN B. SCHIMMING, ESQ., 616 E STREET, NW, NO. 610 WASHINGTON, DC 20004, whose designation as District of Columbia agent has been filed with the Register of Wills, D.C. The decedent owned the following District of Columbia real property: 3900 25TH PL., NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20018; 1213 SAVANNAH ST., SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20032; 1215 SAVANNAH ST., SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20032; AND 1140 NEAL ST, NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20002. Claims against the decedent may be presented to the undersigned and filed with the Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001 within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ MARY E. ALEXANDER, HUGH C. ALEXANDER. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION
Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0787**

ERNEST A. ANTIGNANI, Deceased

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Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

THOMAS ANTIGNANI, whose address is 1635 JONQUIL ST., NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20012, was appointed personal representative of the estate of ERNEST A. ANTIGNANI, who died on APR 17, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ THOMAS ANTIGNANI. TRUE TEST COPY /s/

ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

Superior Court of the District of Columbia PROBATE DIVISION

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0729

CURTIS EUGENE BYNUM, Deceased

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

TRINA V. LEWIS, whose address is 5235 2ND STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20011, was appointed personal representative of the estate of CURTIS EUGENE BYNUM, who died on MAY 21, 2010 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ TRINA V. LEWIS. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON INFORMER. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

Superior Court of the District of Columbia PROBATE DIVISION

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0794

CHIARA CAPOFERRO, Deceased

STEVEN W. JACOBSON, ESQ Attorney
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BETHESDA, MD 20814

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

JOSEPH COSTANZO, whose address is 1712 CORCORAN STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20009, was appointed personal representative of the estate of CHIARA CAPOFERRO, who died on MAY 29, 2010 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ JOSEPH COSTANZO. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

Superior Court of the District of Columbia PROBATE DIVISION

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0786

EDDIE JASPER DAYE, Deceased

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

GINA M. DAYE AND VICKI PEEK, whose addresses are 3013 PIANO LANE, SILVER SPRING, MD 20904/ 1410 GIRARD STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20009, were appointed personal representatives of the estate

of EDDIE JASPER DAYE, who died on AUG 6, 2009 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ GINA M. DAYE, VICKI PEEK. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON POST. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

Superior Court of the District of Columbia PROBATE DIVISION

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0791

CLAUDIA R. DISON AKA

CLAUDIA ROSETTA DISON, Deceased

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

ARTHUR LEE JOHNSON, JR., whose address is 1324 MOKELUMNE DRIVE, ANTIOCH, CA 94531, was appointed personal representative of the estate of CLAUDIA R. DISON AKA CLAUDIA ROSETTA DISON, who died on JUN 27, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ ARTHUR LEE JOHNSON, JR. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON POST. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

Superior Court of the District of Columbia PROBATE DIVISION

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0606

ROBERT C. FISK, Deceased

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Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

CAROLINE A. FISK EASTERLING, MARY A. FISK DOWDLE, KATHERINE M. FISK CARROLL, CHARLES C. AMES, whose addresses are 1801 PICCARD DR., ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, 5908 AMBER RIDGE, HAYMARKET, VA 20169, 2200 SOUTH ROAD, BALTIMORE, MD 21209, 27 WALNUT PLACE, BROOKLINE, MA 02445, were appointed personal representatives of the estate of ROBERT C. FISK, who died on MAY 2, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of

Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ CAROLINE A. FISK EASTERLING, MARY A. FISK DOWDLE, KATHERINE M. FISK CARROLL, CHARLES C. AMES. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION
Washington, DC 20001**

Foreign No. 2010-0079

SAMUEL J. FUTROWSKY, Deceased

FEB 7, 2010, *Date of Death*

Notice of Appointment of Foreign

Personal Representatives And Notice to Creditors

JOHN N. BURDETTE, whose address is 22 WEST SECOND STREET, FREDERICK, MD 21701, were appointed Personal Representative of the estate of SAMUEL J. FUTROWSKY, deceased, by the ORPHANS' COURT Court for FREDERICK County, State of MARYLAND, on APR 7, 2010. Service of process may be made upon ANITA ISICSON, 4616 FESSENDEN STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20016, whose designation as District of Columbia agent has been filed with the Register of Wills, D.C. The decedent owned the following District of Columbia real property: 505-507 MORSE STREET, N.E. The decedent owned District of Columbia personal property. Claims against the decedent may be presented to the undersigned and filed with the Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001 within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ JOHN N. BURDETTE. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION
Washington, DC 20001**

Foreign No. 2010-0078

WENDELL JOHNSON, Deceased

MAR 11, 2008, *Date of Death*

Notice of Appointment of Foreign

Personal Representatives And Notice to Creditors

STELLA JOHNSON, whose address is 929 RAY ROAD, HYATTSVILLE, MD 20783, were appointed Personal Representative of the estate of WENDELL JOHNSON, deceased, by the ORPHAN'S Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S County, State of MARYLAND, on OCT 21, 2008. Service of process may be made upon JOHNNY M. HOWARD, HOUSTON & HOWARD, 1001 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW, SUITE 402, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20036, whose designation as District of Columbia agent has been filed with the Register of Wills, D.C. The decedent owned the following District of Columbia real property: 1116 PARK ROAD, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 200010. The decedent owned District of Columbia personal property. Claims against the decedent may be presented to the undersigned and filed with the Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001 within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ STELLA JOHNSON. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON INFORMER. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

PROBATE DIVISION

Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0508

JACKY LEE, Deceased

DOLLY LEE, Attorney/Petitioner

2815 UNIVERSITY BLVD., WEST

KENSINGTON, MD 20895

Notice of Standard Probate

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in this Court by DOLLY LEE for standard probate, including the appointment of one or more personal representatives. Unless a complaint or an objection in accordance with Superior Court Probate Division Rule 407 is filed in this Court within 30 days from the date of first publication of this notice, the Court may take the action hereinafter set forth. Admit to probate the will dated OCT 17, 2002 and document dated FEB 12, 2010 exhibited with the petition upon proof satisfactory to the Court of due execution by affidavit of the witnesses or otherwise and appoint an unsupervised personal representative. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ DOLLY LEE. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER, Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 26, SEP 2, 2010.

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

PROBATE DIVISION

Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0779

EFFIE LEE LITTLE, Deceased

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

PATRICIA N. LITTLE, whose address is 1733 D STREET, NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20002, was appointed personal representative of the estate of EFFIE LEE LITTLE, who died on JUN 14, 2010 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ PATRICIA N. LITTLE. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON INFORMER. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

PROBATE DIVISION

Washington, DC 20001

Foreign No. 2010-0041

DONNIE B. LYON, Deceased

APR 28, 2009, *Date of Death*

Notice of Appointment of Foreign

Personal Representatives And Notice to Creditors

NANCY A. BERENS, whose address is 4950 BONNIEWOOD DRIVE, SHADY SIDE, MD 20764, were appointed Personal Representative of the estate of DONNIE B. LYON, deceased, by the ORPHANS COURT Court for ANNE ARUNDEL County, State of MARYLAND, on JAN 29, 2010. Service of process may be made upon ANDREW F. OEHMANN, JR., 2022 COLUMBIA ROAD, NW, #602, WASHINGTON, DC 20009-1303, whose designation as District of Columbia agent has been filed with the Register of Wills, D.C. The decedent owned the following District of Columbia real property: 3847 CALVERT ST., NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20007. Claims against the decedent may be presented to the undersigned and filed with the Register of Wills for

the District of Columbia, 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001 within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ NANCY A. BERENS. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON TIMES. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

PROBATE DIVISION

Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0799

CHARLES A. LYTTON, Deceased

QUINN O'CONNELL, JR., ESQ., Attorney

5100 WISCONSIN AVENUE, NW, SUITE 514

WASHINGTON, DC 20016

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

MELODY K. SANFORD, whose address is 4936 MEADOW LANE, MACUNGIE, PA 18062, was appointed personal representative of the estate of CHARLES A. LYTTON, who died on MAY 10, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ MELODY K. SANFORD. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

PROBATE DIVISION

Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0780

HELEN NEWBERRY MCDOWELL, Deceased

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

MILDRED N. DRINKARD, whose address is 8364 FAIRFIELD ROAD, GREENWOOD, MS 38930, was appointed personal representative of the estate of HELEN NEWBERRY MCDOWELL who died on JUL 17, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ MILDRED N. DRINKARD. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON POST. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

PROBATE DIVISION

Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0776

HARKLESS MCLEMORE, Deceased

DOROTHY SIMPSON DICKERSON, Attorney

5335 WISCONSIN AVENUE, NW, SUITE 440
WASHINGTON, DC 20015

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

FRANCES MCLEMORE AKA FRANCES MCLAMORE, whose address is 3208 BROTHERS PLACE, SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20032, was appointed personal representative of the estate of HARKLESS MCLEMORE, who died on JAN 3, 2010 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ FRANCES MCLEMORE AKA MCLAMORE. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0775
FRITZ MONDE SR., Deceased
MARCIA J. MILLS, Attorney
ATTORNEY AT LAW PC
1 RESEARCH CT.-STE. 450
ROCKVILLE, MD 20850

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

YANICK VASTEY, whose address is 441 PEABODY ST., NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20011, was appointed personal representative of the estate of FRITZ MONDE, SR., who died on MAY 8, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ YANICK VASTEY. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0807

LELA SPENCER MOORE, Deceased

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

JOSEPHINE MOORE DUMAS, whose address is 7307 WEBSTER TURN, FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744, was appointed personal representative of the estate of LELA SPENCER MOORE, who died on JUL 1, 2010 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor,

Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ JOSEPHINE MOORE DUMAS. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON POST. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0796

WANDA MAE MORRIS, Deceased
CHARLES F. GORMLY, ESQ., Attorney
5101 WISCONSIN AVE., NW, #210
WASHINGTON, DC 20016

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

SIARA MORRIS AND FRED MORRIS, whose addresses are 1551 ANACOSTIA AVE., NE, #14, WASHINGTON, DC 20019/4401 QUARLES ST., NE, #23, WASHINGTON, DC 20019, were appointed personal representatives of the estate of WANDA MAE MORRIS, who died on OCT 16, 2009 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ SIARA MORRIS, FRED MORRIS. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0627

PERSIA S. PERRUSO, Deceased
JERRY L. HUNTER., ESQ. Attorney
1822 11TH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20001

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

LINDA MAZZOCHI, whose address is 730 24TH STREET, NW, #509, WASHINGTON, DC 20037, was appointed personal representative of the estate of PERSIA D. PERRUSO who died on JUN 7, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/

LINDA MAZZOCHI. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON TIMES. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0784

ORPHA C. POPE, Deceased
KAREN G. LOULAKIS, Attorney
PESNER KOWAMOTO CONWAY PLC
7926 JONES BRANCH DRIVE, SUITE 930
MCLEAN, VA 22102

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

KAREN G. LOULAKIS, whose address is 7926 JONES BRANCH DRIVE, SUITE 930, MCLEAN, VA 22102, was appointed personal representative of the estate of ORPHA C. POPE who died on JUL 28, 2008 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ KAREN G. LOULAKIS. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON TIMES. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0789

PATRICIA SEGNAN, Deceased
ANDREW F. OEHMANN, JR., Attorney
2022 COLUMBIA ROAD, NW, #602
WASHINGTON, DC 20009-1303

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

ROMEO SEGNAN, whose address is 2801 NEW MEXICO AVENUE, NW, #710, WASHINGTON, DC 20007, was appointed personal representative of the estate of PATRICIA SEGNAN, who died on JUL 24, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ ROMEO SEGNAN. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON TIMES. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0647

RICHARD STITES, Deceased
RAY L. HANNA, Attorney
4208 37TH STREET, NW

WASHINGTON, DC 20008

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

RAY L. HANNA, whose address is 4208 37TH STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20007, was appointed personal representative of the estate of RICHARD STITES, who died on MAR 7, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ RAY L. HANNA. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON POST. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0782

CARL WELCH, Deceased

JOHN L. LASTER, ESQ., Attorney

OLD BRICKHOUSE SQUARE

103 ROWELL COURT

FALLS CHURCH, VA 22046

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

ANNE MARIE WELCH, whose address is 5401 GALENA PL., NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20016, was appointed personal representative of the estate of CARL WELCH, who died on JUN 24, 2003 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 26, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 26, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 26, 2010. /s/ ANNE MARIE WELCH. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 26, SEP 2, 9, 2010.

Second Insertions**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0760

HARRY L. BROWN, Deceased**Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs**

AUDREY L. THOMAS, whose address is 1110 ELFIN AVENUE, CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743, was appointed personal representative of the estate of HARRY L. BROWN, who died on DEC 5, 2009 WITH a Will, and will serve WITH Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington,

D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 19, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 19, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 19, 2010. /s/ AUDREY L. THOMAS. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 19, 26, SEP 2, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0449

MARIAN DEVONIA COLEMAN, Deceased**Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs**

BERT S. COLEMAN, whose address is 438 M STREET, SW, WASHINGTON, DC 20024, was appointed personal representative of the estate of MARIAN DEVONIA COLEMAN, who died on MAR 30, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 19, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 19, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 19, 2010. /s/ BERT S. COLEMAN. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON TIMES. AUG 19, 26, SEP 2, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0771

TERRY ANN DAVIS, Deceased**Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs**

LOIS ANN JOHNSON, whose address is 3225 5TH STREET, SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20032, was appointed personal representative of the estate of TERRY ANN DAVIS, who died on JUL 14, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 19, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 19, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 19, 2010. /s/ LOIS ANN JOHNSON. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON INFORMER. AUG 19, 26, SEP 2, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0774

RICHARD HALL, Deceased**Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs**

DAVID E. SMITH, whose address is 2612 EVARTS ST., NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20018, was appointed personal representative of the estate of RICHARD HALL, who died on MAR 27, 2003 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 19, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 19, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 19, 2010. /s/ DAVID E. SMITH. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON POST. AUG 19, 26, SEP 2, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0506

KATHERINE L. JOHNSON, Deceased

LEROY M. FYKES, Attorney

6665 13TH STREET, NW

WASHINGTON, DC 20012

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

LEROY M. FYKES, whose address is 6665 13TH STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20012, was appointed personal representative of the estate of KATHERINE L. JOHNSON, who died on MAR 3, 2006 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITH Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 19, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 19, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 19, 2010. /s/ LEROY M. FYKES. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 19, 26, SEP 2, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0772

MILTON MELVIN JOHNSON, Deceased

DAVID E. FOX, Attorney

1325 18TH ST., NW, #103

WASHINGTON, DC 20036

Notice of Standard Probate

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in this Court by DIANE TAYLOR & TRAVIS JOHNSON for standard probate, including the appointment of one or more personal representatives. Unless a complaint or an objection in accordance with Superior Court Probate Division Rule 407 is filed in this Court within 30 days from the date of first publication of this notice, the Court may take the action hereinafter set forth. In the absence of a will or proof satisfactory to the Court of due execution, enter an order determining that the decedent died intestate and appoint an unsupervised personal representative. Date

of First Publication: AUG 19, 2010. /s/ DAVID E. FOX. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER, Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0777

JOYCE MCKEE, Deceased

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

CORBIN A. WEISS, whose address is 607 FOREST GLEN RD., SILVER SPRING, MD 20901, was appointed personal representative of the estate of JOYCE MCKEE, who died on JUL 8, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 19, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 19, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 19, 2010. /s/ CORBIN A. WEISS. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON POST. AUG 19, 26, SEP 2, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2009-1301

JEAN E. WELLS, Deceased

STEPHEN L. WATSKY, ESQ., Attorney
419 7TH STREET, NW, SUITE 405
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

STEPHEN L. WATSKY, ESQ., whose address is 419 7TH STREET, NW, SUITE 405, WASHINGTON, DC 20004, was appointed personal representative of the estate of JEAN E. WELLS, who died on DEC 15, 2009 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITH Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 19, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 19, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 19, 2010. /s/ STEPHEN L. WATSKY. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 19, 26, SEP 2, 2010.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA**

CIVIL DIVISION

2010 CA 002885 R(RP)

Judge Brook Hedge

Calendar 7, Next Event: Initial Scheduling
Conference, October 15, 2010 - 9:00 a.m.

WATERGATE EAST, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARIA THERESA GAGO, et al.,
Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to, *inter alia*, quiet title in property described as Unit 903-S and Garage Space 199, 2510 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037 or in the Cooperative Proprietary Lease and Occupancy Agreement dated September 1, 2000 respecting said Unit and Garage Space ("Property"). In accordance with the Court's Order Granting Motion for Order of Publication for Service Upon Defendant Ghassan Saad, it is by the Court this 10th day of August, 2010,

ORDERED by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this order in The Daily Washington Law Reporter and The Washington Times, newspapers having a general circulation in the District of Columbia, once a week for three (3) successive weeks, notifying GHASSAN SAAD to appear in this Court within forty (40) days following the first date of publication, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, to assert a claim and answer the complaint; or, thereafter, this Court will enter a final Declaratory Judgment quieting title to the above-described Property and foreclosing the right of any party to claim an interest in the Property and quieting title in the Plaintiff. /s/ Judge Brook Hedge. Pub Dates: August 19, 26, September 2, 2010.

Third Insertions

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0751

SUSIE A. ASHBY, Deceased

ELAINE P. ENGLISH, ESQ., Attorney
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WASHINGTON, DC 20016

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

GILBERT T. BRAGG, whose address is 700 JEFFREY WAY, SUITE 100, ROUND ROCK, TX 78680, was appointed personal representative of the estate of SUSIE A. ASHBY, who died on FEB 12, 2006 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 12, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 12, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ GILBERT T. BRAGG. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0752

EDNA JENKINS BAKER, Deceased

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

KATHY K. BAKER, whose address is 12607 WELDON MANOR LANE, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, was appointed personal representative of the estate of EDNA JENKINS BAKER, who died on MAR 19, 2010 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding.

Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 12, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 12, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ KATHY K. BAKER. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0681

RODNEY MAURICE BROWN, Deceased

ISAAC H. MARKS, SR., Attorney
11875 BELTSVILLE DR. -10TH FLOOR
CALVERTON, MD 20705

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

FELICIA L. CHAMBERS, whose address is 2048 WESTCHESTER DRIVE, SILVER SPRING, MD 20902, was appointed personal representative of the estate of RODNEY MAURICE BROWN, who died on JUN 12, 2010 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 12, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 12, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ FELICIA L. CHAMBERS. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON INFORMER. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Foreign No. 2010-0075

HOWARD CARR, JR., Deceased

AUG 12, 2008, Date of Death

Notice of Appointment of Foreign

Personal Representatives And Notice to Creditors

JOYCE M. WALKER AND ZELMA G. CARR, whose addresses are 480 BURKEVILLE ROAD, VICTORIA, VA 23974 AND 1667 WATSONS WOOD ROAD, CREWE, VA 23930, were appointed Personal Representative of the estate of HOWARD CARR, JR., deceased, by the CIRCUIT Court for NOTTOWAY County, State of VIRGINIA on SEP 4, 2008. Service of process may be made upon GWENDOLYN M. ALLEN, 807 DELAWARE AVENUE, SW, WASHINGTON, DC 20024, whose designation as District of Columbia agent has been filed with the Register of Wills, D.C. The decedent owned District of Columbia personal property. Claims against the decedent may be presented to the undersigned and filed with the Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001 within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ JOYCE M. WALKER, ZELMA G. CARR. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**
Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0747

FERNANDO ELETA CASANOVAS, AKA

FERNANDO ELETA, Deceased

STEPHEN DIAZ GAVIN, Attorney

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WASHINGTON, DC 20037-1350

**Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice
to Unknown Heirs**

GRACIELA ELETA DE CACHO, whose address is CORTIJO BAJO GA 10, GARDEN HILLS, GUAYNABO, PUERTO RICO 00966, was appointed personal representative of the estate of FERNANDO ELETA CASANOVAS AKA FERNANDO ELETA, who died on AUG 31, 2009 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 12, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 12, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ GRACIELA ELETA DE CACHO. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON EXAMINER. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**
Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0741

HANNAH M. DAVIES, Deceased

DAVID A. DOPSOVIC, ESQ., Attorney

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WASHINGTON, DC 20036

**Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice
to Unknown Heirs**

ANTONIO MONROIG, whose address is 6330 APPLGARTH COURT, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22312, was appointed personal representative of the estate of HANNAH M. DAVIES, who died on JUN 4, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 12, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 12, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ ANTONIO MONROIG. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON POST. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**
Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0755

CHRISTOPHER J. GRIEB, Deceased
**Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice
to Unknown Heirs**

GRETCHEN C. BORDELON, whose address is 114 AYR HILL AVE., NW, VIENNA, VA 22180, was appointed personal representative of the estate of CHRISTOPHER J. GRIEB, who died on MAY 19, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 12, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 12, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ GRETCHEN C. BORDELON. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**
Washington, DC 20001

Trust No. 2010-NRT-13

JONATHAN GROSSMAN, Deceased

Notice of Existence of Revocable Trust

JONATHAN GROSSMAN (name of deceased settlor) whose address was 800 25TH ST., NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20037 created a revocable trust on FEB 13, 2004, which remained in existence on the date of his/her death on MAY 4, 2010 and ETHAN GROSSMAN whose address is 1612 K STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20006, is the currently acting trustee, hereinafter the Trustee. Communications to the Trust should be mailed or directed to ETHAN GROSSMAN, TRUSTEE at 1612 K STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20006.

The Trust is subject to claims of the deceased settlor's creditors, costs of administration of the settlor's estate, the expenses of the deceased settlor's funeral and disposal of remains, and statutory allowances to a surviving spouse and children to the extent the deceased settlor's residuary probate is inadequate to satisfy those claims, costs, expenses, and allowances.

Claims of the deceased settlor's creditors are barred against the Trustee and the trust property unless presented to the Trustee at the address provided herein on or before FEB 12, 2011 (6 months after the date of first publication of this notice). An action to contest the validity of this trust must be commenced by the *earliest* of (1) MAY 4, 2011 (one year from the death of the deceased Settlor). (2) FEB 12, 2011, (6 months after the date of first publication of this notice) or (3) ninety days after the Trustee sends the person a copy of the trust instrument and a notice informing the person of the trust's existence, of the Trustee's name and address, and of the time allowed for commencing a proceeding.

The Trustee may proceed to distribute the trust property in accordance with the terms of trust before the expiration of the time within which an action must be commenced unless the Trustee knows of a pending judicial proceeding contesting the validity of the trust or the Trustee has received notice from a potential contestant who thereafter commences a judicial proceeding within sixty days after notification.

This notice must be mailed postmarked within 15 days of its first publication to each heir and qualified beneficiary of the trust and any other person who would be an interested person within the meaning of D.C. Code § 20-101(d). Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ ETHAN GROSSMAN. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER,

Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0758

ARNETTA VIOLA HARPER, Deceased

CRAIG ELLIS, ESQ., Attorney

1436 FENWICK LANE

SILVER SPRING, MD 20910

**Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice
to Unknown Heirs**

SHARON P. DAVIS, whose address is 6311 NAVAL AVENUE, LANHAM, MD 20706, was appointed personal representative of the estate of ARNETTA VIOLA HARPER, who died on MAR 21, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITH Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 12, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 12, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ SHARON P. DAVIS. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**
Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0763

IRMA REBEKAH HICKMAN, Deceased

RICHARD W. LAWLOR, ESQ., Attorney

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ROCKVILLE, MD 20850

**Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice
to Unknown Heirs**

JEAN HICKMAN, whose address is 710 WHITTIER STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20012, was appointed personal representative of the estate of IRMA REBEKAH HICKMAN, who died on JAN 22, 2006 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 12, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 12, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ JEAN HICKMAN. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001

Administration No. 2010-0761

CHIHYING HSU LI, Deceased

DONALD LEWIS WRIGHT, ESQ., Attorney

1901 18TH ST., NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20009

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

ANNE SING YONG LI, whose address is 3601 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW, #810, WASHINGTON, DC 20008, was appointed personal representative of the estate of CHIH YING HSU LI, who died on JUL 20, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 12, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 12, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ ANNE SING YONG LI. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0746
MARY MARTIN, Deceased

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

RICHARD MARTIN, whose address is 2516 Q STREET, NW, #Q-103, WASHINGTON, DC 20007, was appointed personal representative of the estate of MARY MARTIN, who died on JUNE 20, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 12, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 12, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ RICHARD MARTIN. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0767
CURTIS MERIEDY, Deceased
VINCENT C. UCHENDU, Attorney
1100 G STREET, NW, #1050
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

ANGELA EDWARDS, whose address is 8423 DUNBAR AVENUE, LANDOVER, MD 20785, was appointed personal representative of the estate of CURTIS MERIEDY, who died on JUL 22, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of

Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 12, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 12, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ ANGELA EDWARDS. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0744
**JEFFREY SANDMAN AKA
JEFFREY M. SANDMAN, Deceased**
GINO ZACCARDELLI, Attorney
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1750 TYSONS BLVD., SUITE 1800
MCLEAN, VA 22102-4215

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

NANCY SANDERS, whose address is 5006 TILDEN STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20016, was appointed personal representative of the estate of JEFFREY SANDMAN AKA JEFFREY M. SANDMAN, who died on JUN 22, 2010 WITH a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 12, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 12, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ NANCY SANDERS. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON TIMES. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0749
**PAUL H. WALLACE AKA
PAUL HENDERSON EDWARD WALLACE,
Deceased**

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

SONIA M. WALLACE, whose address is 3017 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20019, was appointed personal representative of the estate of PAUL H. WALLACE AKA PAUL HENDERSON EDWARD WALLACE, who died on JUL 18, 2009 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 12, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 12, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs

or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ SONIA M. WALLACE. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, WASHINGTON POST. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0737
WAYNE E. WILLIAMS, Deceased
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CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

CECELIA BERRY, whose address is 1 HICKORY LANE, APT. LL3, LA PLATA, MD 20646, was appointed personal representative of the estate of WAYNE E. WILLIAMS, who died on JUL 26, 2009 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 12, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 12, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ CECELIA BERRY. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
PROBATE DIVISION**

Washington, DC 20001
Administration No. 2010-0735
REGINA V. YOUNG, Deceased
NOEL W. KANE, Attorney
236 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., NE, #210
WASHINGTON, DC 20002

Notice of Appointment, Notice to Creditors And Notice to Unknown Heirs

TAWANNA Y. YOUNG, whose address is 334 ADAMS STREET, NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20002, was appointed personal representative of the estate of REGINA V. YOUNG, who died on MAY 4, 2010 WITHOUT a Will, and will serve WITHOUT Court supervision. All unknown heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance at this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before FEB 12, 2011. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before FEB 12, 2011, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship. Date of First Publication: AUG 12, 2010. /s/ TAWANNA Y. YOUNG. TRUE TEST COPY /s/ ANNE MEISTER Register of Wills. Name of Newspapers: DWLR, JEWISH WEEKLY. AUG 12, 19, 26, 2010.

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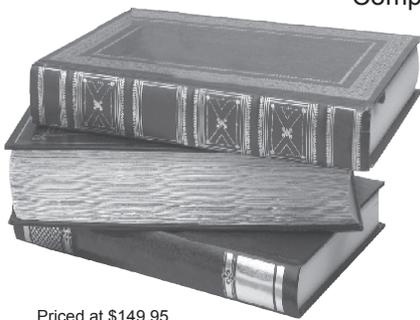


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