

# STATE OF MAINE

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY PROBATE COURT

DOCKET \_\_\_\_\_

Estate of \_\_\_\_\_  
Deceased

NOTICE TO PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE RE:  
APPOINTMENT - ALSO  
ACCEPTANCE OF  
APPOINTMENT

A petition or application has been filed in this court requesting that you be appointed personal representative of this estate.

The Judge has made the findings required by law (18-A MRSA § 3-414) or the Register has made the findings required by law (18-A MRSA § 3-308) and you have been chosen to be appointed personal representative of this estate.

THIS IS NOT AN APPOINTMENT  
NOR LETTERS OF ANY AUTHORITY<sup>1</sup>

Before letters making this appointment effective may issue to you, you must sign and return this notice. If you sign and return this notice, you will be accepting an official position of trust and PERSONAL LIABILITY for any violation of that trust and submitting to the personal jurisdiction of this court. Original letters of authority will be sent to you upon receipt of this acceptance. If you have any questions about whether you should accept this appointment, you should talk to your lawyer or read the law yourself. You may inquire at the Probate Court, but the staff there cannot give you legal advice.

Check (a) or (b)

\_\_\_\_ (a) YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE ANY BOND.

\_\_\_\_ (B) YOU MUST FILE THE FOLLOWING BOND

\_\_\_\_ (1) Personal Representative's Bond:<sup>2</sup> (Note: If item  
(b)(1) is checked, also check (i) or (ii):

\_\_\_\_ (i) A corporate surety bond is required

\_\_\_\_ (ii) Personal sureties are acceptable

Amount of the Personal Representative's Bond<sup>3</sup> \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ (2) An estate tax bond:<sup>4</sup> Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You may not exercise any authority as personal representative until you respond to this notice.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Register of Probate

Court address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I have read this notice. I accept appointment and thereby submit to the personal jurisdiction of this court.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature Personal Representative

NOTE: This acceptance may be signed in advance and filed with the petition or application for appointment.

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<sup>1</sup> See 18-A MRSA §§ 3-601 and 3-602.

<sup>2</sup> See 18-A MRSA §§ 3-603 and 3-606.

<sup>3</sup> Unless otherwise stated in the decedent's will or by order of the court, the personal representative's bond shall cover the estimated value of the decedent's personal estate plus one year's expected income from the decedent's real and personal estate less the value of assets of the estate deposited with a domestic financial institution, as defined in 18-A MRSA § 6-101, in a manner that prevents their unauthorized disposition.

<sup>4</sup> See 36 MRSA § 4079: Note: No separate estate tax bond is required if a personal representative's bond is in force.

I certify that no alteration has been made to the official form as most recently approved and promulgated by the Supreme Judicial Court. I also certify that I have met the standards under M.R.Prob.P. 84(b).

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Preparer Signature

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Typed or Printed Name of Preparer

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