

# KENT COUNTY PROBATE COURT

## PETITION FOR ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS (MCL 700.3982)

If a decedent's estate consists of property valued at or less than the date-of-death small estate threshold, (see attached table) the Court may issue an order that a decedent's property be assigned in the following order:

1. To pay unpaid funeral and burial expenses or to reimburse the person that paid those expenses,
2. To the surviving spouse, if any, or
3. If there is no spouse, to the decedent's heirs.

The Petition and Order for Assignment (PC556) must be filled out completely, signed and dated. A copy of the death certificate, funeral and burial statement(s) and any receipts for funeral and burial expenses must also be attached.

Careful attention must be given to the list of names and the relationships of the heirs, i.e., children of a deceased heir are entitled to their parent's share. Completion of a Testimony to Identify Heirs ([PC565](#)) is not required but may assist you with identifying the proper heirs. The decedent must have been either a Kent County resident or a non-resident of Michigan who left property in Kent County.

### CHECKLIST FOR PETITIONER

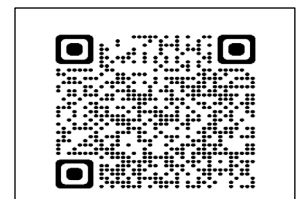
- The decedent was a Kent County resident or a non-resident of Michigan who left property in Kent County.
- Petition and Order for Assignment ([PC556](#)) is complete, signed and dated.
- Protected Personal Identifying Information is attached. ([MC97](#))
- The total date-of-death estate value does not exceed the small estate threshold listed in the attached table. Check one of the following:
  - Date of death was on or after March 28, 2013, and the **inventory value** does not exceed the small estate threshold.
  - Date of death was prior to March 28, 2013, and the **gross value** of the estate does not exceed the small estate threshold.
- A copy of the death certificate is attached.
- A copy of paid funeral and burial statement(s) are attached (with receipt indicating payor).
- Filing fee and inventory fee payable to Kent County Probate Court are enclosed:

Filing Fee	\$	25.00
Certified Copy Fee	\$	12.00
Inventory Fee	\$	_____ (*See inventory fee calculation instructions)
Total Enclosed:	\$	_____

**\*Inventory Fee Calculation:** If the date of death is on or after March 28, 2013, the inventory fee is based on the **total inventory value** as indicated in Paragraph 3 of the Petition and Order for Assignment. Please refer to the attached table for the maximum lien amount that may be deducted for real property. After January 1, 2024, the \$250,000 limit will be adjusted annually for cost of living. Prior to March 28, 2013, the inventory fee is calculated using the total **gross value** of the estate and no deduction for real property liens may be made. Call the Court for the correct amount or use the inventory fee [calculator](#) online.

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## SMALL ESTATE THRESHOLD BY YEAR

DATE OF DEATH	SMALL ESTATE THRESHOLD AMOUNT	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE REAL PROPERTY LIEN DEDUCTION
02/21/2024 - Present	\$50,000	\$250,000
01/01/2024 - 02/20/2024	\$28,000	\$250,000
2023	\$27,000	\$250,000
2022	\$25,000	\$250,000
2021	\$24,000	\$250,000
2020	\$24,000	\$250,000
2019	\$23,000	\$250,000
2018	\$23,000	\$250,000
2017	\$22,000	\$250,000
2016	\$22,000	\$250,000
2015	\$22,000	\$250,000
2014	\$22,000	\$250,000
03/28/2013 - 12/31/2013	\$21,000	\$250,000
01/01/2013 - 03/27/2013	\$21,000	\$0
2012	\$21,000	\$0
2011	\$20,000	\$0
2010	\$20,000	\$0
2009	\$20,000	\$0
2008	\$19,000	\$0
2007	\$19,000	\$0
2006	\$18,000	\$0
2005	\$18,000	\$0
2004	\$17,000	\$0
2003	\$17,000	\$0
2002	\$17,000	\$0
2001	\$16,000	\$0
10/01/1994 - 12/31/2000	\$15,000	\$0
12/13/1984 - 09/30/1994	\$5,000	\$0
07/01/1979 - 12/12/1984	\$2,500	\$0
10/01/1972 - 06/30/1979	\$1,500	\$0
08/28/1964 - 09/30/1972	\$1,000	\$0
09/03/1949 - 08/27/1964	\$500	\$0
09/10/1942 - 09/02/1949	\$200	\$0

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