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How to Complete Your Michigan Small Estate Affidavit

Affidavit of Decedent's Successor (MCL 700.3983)

INSTRUCTIONS — KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS. DO NOT ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR DOCUMENT.

About this form. Michigan lets a decedent's successor (spouse, child, heir, or devisee) collect bank accounts, vehicles, and other personal property of a small estate with a sworn affidavit, without probate court (MCL 700.3983).

1. **Check that you qualify**
   At least **28 days** have passed since the death, the estate has **no real property**, no personal representative has been appointed, and the estate is worth **$53,000 or less** (2026 deaths; the limit is adjusted each year).
2. **List the successors and property (Page 2)**
   Attach a certified death certificate.
3. **Swear before a notary (Page 3)**
   Bring a current, government-issued photo ID.

After It's Signed

- Present it, with the death certificate, to each bank or company holding the property. For a vehicle, the Secretary of State has its own transfer process for heirs.
- Michigan courts publish an official version, PC 598, which many banks prefer. We can notarize either.

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AFFIDAVIT OF DECEDENT'S SUCCESSOR

(For delivery of certain assets owned by decedent — MCL 700.3983)

Name of decedent | Date of death | Last 4 of SSN (optional)

Decedent’s last address

I,

Name of affiant (successor) | Address

being first duly sworn, state:

1. I am the decedent’s successor as (check one):
   - ☐ surviving spouse
   - ☐ adult child
   - ☐ other heir
   - ☐ devisee under the decedent’s will
2. At least 28 days have passed since the decedent’s death.
3. No real property is included in the decedent’s estate.
4. The value of the decedent’s estate, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed $50,000, as adjusted annually under MCL 700.1210 ($53,000 for deaths in 2026).
5. No application or petition for appointment of a personal representative is pending or has been granted in any jurisdiction.

Affiant's initials: _____

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6. The claiming successor(s) and their shares are:

7. I request delivery of the following property of the decedent:

8. A certified copy of the decedent's death certificate is attached. I understand that a person who receives property under this affidavit is answerable to anyone with a superior right, and that making a false statement in this affidavit may be perjury.

Affiant's initials: _____

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Date

X

Affiant

Printed name

JURAT

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)
COUNTY OF ____)

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on

(date) by (name of affiant)

X

Notary Public

(Notary seal)

Notary's printed name

Notary public, State of Michigan, County of

Acting in the County of (if different) Commission expires

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