

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 for Assignment ([PC 556m](#)) must be completely filled out. The proposed Order for Assignment, (PC 556o), a copy of the death certificate, and the receipt for paid 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. 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 for Assignment ([PC 556m](#)) is complete and signed.
- ☐ Proposed Order for Assignment is attached. ([PC 556o](#))
- ☐ Protected Personal Identifying Information is attached. ([MC 97](#))
- ☐ The total date-of-death value does not exceed the small estate threshold listed in the attached table. Check one of the following:
 - ☐ Date of death was prior to January 1, 2024, and the **gross** value of the estate, after funeral and burial expenses, does not exceed the small estate threshold.
 - ☐ Date of death was January 1, 2024, or after, and the **net** value of the estate, less real estate liens up to \$250,000 and funeral and burial expenses, does not exceed the small estate threshold.
- ☐ A copy of death certificate is attached.
- ☐ A copy of paid funeral and/or burial statement(s) are attached (with receipt showing 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 Calculations:** The inventory fee is based on the **total gross value** prior to January 1, 2024, or the **total inventory value** after January 1, 2024, as listed in paragraph 3 of the Petition for Assignment. Call the Court for the correct amount or use the inventory fee [calculator](#) online.

NOTE: For 63 days from the date of the order, the share of each heir other than a surviving spouse or minor child shall be subject to any unsatisfied debt of the decedent up to the value of property received through the order.



SMALL ESTATE THRESHOLD BY YEAR PETITION FOR ASSIGNMENT

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

