

RULE CHANGE 2021(17)

**COLORADO RULES OF PROBATE PROCEDURE AND COLORADO PROBATE CODE
FORMS**

Rule 57

Forms 910, 913, 914, 920, 921, 924, and 926

Rule 57. Electronic Wills

When an electronic will, as defined by § 15-~~12-1502~~11-1302(3), C.R.S., is tendered to the court for deposit, lodging or probate, these rules control.

- (a) Courts may not accept or receive an electronic will by external media or by any method that requires access to a judicial device pursuant to Chief Justice Directive (CJD) 07-01.
- (b) Electronic wills submitted for deposit or lodging with the court must be converted by the proponent to a paper copy and certified as set forth in § 15-~~12-1509~~11-1309, C.R.S.
- (c) Courts are only authorized to accept electronic wills for deposit or lodging that have been converted to a paper copy and are accompanied by a certification as set forth in § 15-~~12-1509~~11-1309, C.R.S.
- (d) When an electronic will is presented for probate in paper form, it must be submitted with a certification as set forth in § 15-~~12-1509~~11-1309, C.R.S. When multiple wills have been deposited, lodged, or filed with the court, the court must determine whether probate should proceed formally.
- (e) Court staff, in their official capacity, may not notarize or witness an electronic will.
- (f) Court staff, in their official capacity, may not create a paper copy of an electronic will for certification as an original as set forth in § 15-~~12-1509~~11-1309, C.R.S.
- (g) Court staff, in their official capacity, may certify as a part of the court's record, a paper copy of the electronic will lodged with the court, together with its certification as set forth in § 15-~~12-1509~~11-1309, C.R.S., as described above in (b).
- (h) Court staff, in their official capacity, may certify as a part of the court's record, a paper copy of the electronic will submitted to the court for probate, together with its certification as set forth in § 15-~~12-1509~~11-1309, C.R.S., as described above in (d).
- (i) Court staff, in their official capacity, may certify as part of the court's record, an electronic will submitted to the court for probate via the Colorado Court's E-filing (CCE) system.

COMMENTS

2021

[1] For limits regarding remote notarization, see § 24-21-514.5(2)(b)(II), C.R.S.

[2] When C.R.P.P. 91 and C.R.P.P. 92 are active due to a public health crisis having been declared by the Governor of Colorado, this Rule 57 governing electronic wills controls - supersedes both C.R.P.P. 91 and C.R.P.P. 92.

<input type="checkbox"/> District Court <input type="checkbox"/> Denver Probate Court _____ County, Colorado Court Address: _____ <hr/> In the Matter of the Estate of: Deceased	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): _____ Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____ FAX Number: _____ Atty. Reg. #: _____	Case Number: _____ Division Courtroom
APPLICATION FOR INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE	

******* Use this form if the decedent left a will *******

The applicant, an interested person pursuant to § 15-10-201(27), C.R.S., makes the following statements:

1. Information about the applicant:

Name: _____ Relationship to Decedent: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Mailing Address, if different: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

2. The Decedent _____ (name) died on _____ (date) at the age of ____ years. The decedent was domiciled or resided in the City of _____ County of _____, the State of _____.

3. Venue for this proceeding is proper in this county because the decedent:
 had his or her domicile or residence in this county on the date of death.
 did not have his or her domicile or residence in Colorado, but had property located in this county on the date of death.

4. This application is filed within the time period permitted by law. Three years or less have passed since the decedent's death, or circumstances described in § 15-12-108, C.R.S. authorize tardy probate or appointment.

5. The applicant:
 has not received a Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders and is unaware of any Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders concerning the decedent.
 has received or is aware of a Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders concerning the Decedent. See attached Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders or explanation.

6. No court has appointed a personal representative and no such appointment proceeding is pending in this state or elsewhere.

A court has appointed a personal representative or an appointment proceeding is pending in the State of _____ (Attach a statement explaining the circumstances and indicating the name and address of the personal representative. Attach a certified copy of the appointing document if the appointment has been finalized.)

7. The date of the decedent's last will is _____.

The dates of all codicils are _____.

The will and any codicils are collectively referred to as "the Will." The applicant believes that it is the decedent's last will and that it was validly executed.

Except as may be disclosed in an attached explanation and after the exercise of reasonable diligence, the applicant is unaware of any instrument revoking the will and is unaware of any prior wills relating to property in Colorado that were not expressly revoked by a later instrument.

The original will

was deposited with this court before the decedent's death. (§ 15-11-515, C.R.S.);

has been delivered to this court since the decedent's death. (§ 15-11-516, C.R.S.); or

is filed with this application.

An e-filed copy of the will is filed with this application.

The original will be delivered to the court forthwith.

The will is an electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-42-450511-1305, C.R.S. and an e-filed copy of the will is filed with this application.

The will is an electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-42-450511-1305, C.R.S. and a certified paper

copy of the will pursuant to § 15-42-450911-1309, C.R.S. is filed with this application.

The will has been probated in the State of _____. Authenticated copies of the will and of the statement probating it are filed with this application. (§ 15-12-402, C.R.S.)

8. Decedent's marital and family status:

a) Did a spouse or partner in a civil union survive the decedent? Yes No

b) Did the decedent have a surviving parent? Yes No

c) Did the decedent have surviving children or other descendants? Yes No

d) Does the decedent's surviving spouse or partner in a civil union have surviving descendants who are not descendants of the decedent? Yes No

e) Are all of the decedent's surviving descendants also descendants of the surviving spouse or partner in a civil union? Yes No

f) Are any of the decedent's children minors? Yes No

9. **The names and addresses of the decedent's spouse, partner in a civil union, children, other heirs and devisees are as follows:**

- If a guardian or conservator has been appointed for one of the persons listed below, also provide the name and address of the guardian or conservator.
- If a minor child is listed, list the child's parent(s), guardian or conservator.
- If a spouse, partner in a civil union, or child has predeceased the decedent, include the date of death.
- A sample of this section is included in the Instructions - JDF 906.

Name	Address or Date of Death	Age, only if Minor	Relationship (e.g. spouse, partner in a civil union, child, brother, guardian for spouse, etc.)

10. Applicant is 21 years of age or older and nominates himself/herself to be appointed as personal representative.

Or

Applicant is 21 years of age or older and nominates himself/herself to be appointed as co-personal representative along with the following as a co-personal representative.

Name: _____ The Nominee is 21 years of age or older.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Or

Applicant nominates the following person be appointed as personal representative.

Name: _____ The Nominee is 21 years of age or older.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

11. The nominee has priority for appointment because of:

statutory priority. (§ 15-12-203, C.R.S.)

reasons stated in the attached explanation.

Persons with prior or equal rights to appointment are as follows:

All person(s) (other than those identified in Paragraph 10 above) with prior or equal right to appointment have renounced their right to appointment (JDF 912SC). All required renouncements accompany this application.

12. The personal representative may receive compensation.

The hourly rates to be charged, any amounts to be charged pursuant to a published fee schedule, including the rates and basis for charging fees for any extraordinary services, and any other bases upon which a fee charged to the estate will be calculated, are as stated below or in an attachment to this application. *

The basis of compensation has not yet been determined.*

* There is a continuing obligation to disclose any material changes to the basis for charging fees. (§ 15-10-602 C.R.S.)

13. The personal representative may compensate his, her, or its counsel.

The hourly rates to be charged, any amounts to be charged pursuant to a published fee schedule, including the rates and basis for charging fees for any extraordinary services, and any other bases upon which a fee charged to the estate will be calculated, are as stated below or in an attachment to this application.*

The basis of compensation has not yet been determined.*

* There is a continuing obligation to disclose any material changes to the basis for charging fees. (§ 15-10-602 C.R.S.)

14. Bond is not required by the will and no interested person demanded that bond be filed. (Skip #15 below.)

Bond is required by will or is being demanded by an interested person. (Complete #15 below.)

Bond in the amount of \$_____ has been demanded.

15. Applicant states the following regarding the decedent's estate if required by § 15-12-604, C.R.S.

Estimated value of real estate	\$
Estimated value of personal property	\$
Annual income expected from all sources	\$
TOTAL	\$

16. The applicant requests that the registrar informally admit the decedent's will to probate and that the nominee be informally appointed as personal representative in unsupervised administration to serve:

without bond with bond in the amount of \$_____

and that Letters Testamentary be issued.

- By checking this box, I am acknowledging I am filling in the blanks and not changing anything else on the form.
- By checking this box, I am acknowledging that I have made a change to the original content of this form.

VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of Colorado that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on the _____ day of
(date)

Executed on the _____ day of
(date)

_____, _____,
(month) (year)

_____, _____,
(month) (year)

at _____
(city or other location, and state OR country)

at _____
(city or other location, and state OR country)

(printed name)

(printed name)

(Signature of Applicant)

(Signature of Co-Applicant, if any)

Attorney Signature, (if any)

Date

Note:

- Please remember to add any AKA names in the caption, if applicable.

<input type="checkbox"/> District Court <input type="checkbox"/> Denver Probate Court _____ County, Colorado Court Address: <hr/> In the Matter of the Estate of: Deceased	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲ <hr/> Case Number: Division: Courtroom:
ORDER FOR INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE	

Upon consideration of the Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative filed by _____ (applicant), on _____ (date),

THE REGISTRAR FINDS, DETERMINES, AND ORDERS:

1. The applicant is an interested person and has filed a complete and verified application.

2. The decedent died on _____ (date) and 120 hours have elapsed since the decedent's death. If the decedent was not a resident of Colorado, 30 days have elapsed since the decedent's death, or the personal representative appointed at the decedent's domicile or residence is the applicant. (§ 15-12-307, C.R.S.)

3. The decedent was domiciled or resided in the City of _____ County of _____, State of _____.

4. Venue is proper in this county.

5. The application was filed within the time period permitted by law.

6. The decedent left a will dated _____.
 The dates of all codicils are _____.
 The will and any codicils are referred to as the will.
 The original will, electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-12-1505 ~~11-1305~~, C.R.S., and/or e-filed copy of the duly executed, unrevoked will is in the registrar's possession.
 There are no known prior wills which have not been expressly revoked by a later instrument.
 The will is admitted to informal probate.

7. The following person is qualified to serve and is appointed as personal representative:

Name: _____ The Nominee is 21 years of age or older.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

8. Appointment is made with without bond in unsupervised administration.

9. Letters Testamentary will be issued.

Date: _____

Judge Magistrate Registrar

<input type="checkbox"/> District Court <input type="checkbox"/> Denver Probate Court _____ County, Colorado Court Address: _____ <hr/> In the Matter of the Estate of: Deceased OR _____ Custodian of the Will (Name)	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): Phone Number: E-mail: FAX Number: Atty. Reg. #:	Case Number: Lodged Will Number: Deposited Will Number: Division Courtroom
CERTIFICATION OF AN ELECTRONIC WILL PURSUANT TO § 15-12-150911-1309, C.R.S.	

I, _____ (name), declare under penalty of perjury that the paper copy of the electronic will attached to this Certification is a complete, true, and accurate copy of the electronic will pursuant to § 15-12-150911-1309, C.R.S.

1. The paper copy of the electronic will attached to this Certification is not a self-proving will.

OR

The paper copy of the electronic will attached to this Certification is a self-proving will and the self-proving affidavits are attached.

2. The attached paper copy of the electronic will is submitted for lodging with the court and accompanies JDF 919 – Submission of Will Pursuant to § 15-11-516, C.R.S.

OR

The attached paper copy of the electronic will is submitted to the court for probate.

OR

The attached paper copy of the electronic will is submitted for deposit with the court.

By checking this box, I am acknowledging I am filling in the blanks and not changing anything else on the form.

By checking this box, I am acknowledging that I have made a change to the original content of this form.

VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of Colorado that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on the _____ day of
(date)

_____, _____,
(month) (year)

at _____
(city or other location, and state OR country)

(printed name)

(Signature of Person Certifying the Affixed Will or Testator)

Attorney Signature, (if any)

Date

District Court <input type="checkbox"/> Denver Probate Court _____ County, Colorado Court Address: _____		
In the Matter of the Estate of: Deceased		▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): _____ Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____ FAX Number: _____ Atty. Reg. #: _____		Case Number: _____ Division _____ Courtroom _____
PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE		

***** Use this form if the decedent left a will *****

The petitioner, an interested person pursuant to § 15-10-201(27), C.R.S., makes the following statements:

1. Information about the petitioner:

Name: _____ Relationship to Decedent _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Mailing Address, if different: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

2. The decedent, _____, died on _____ (date) at the age of ____ years. The decedent was domiciled or resided in the City of _____ County of _____, State of _____.

3. Venue for this proceeding is proper in this county because the decedent:

- had his or her domicile or residence in this county on the date of death.
- did not have his or her domicile or residence in Colorado, but had property located in this county on the date of death.

4. This petition is filed within the time period permitted by law. Three years or less have passed since the decedent's death, or circumstances described in § 15-12-108, C.R.S. authorize tardy probate or appointment.

5. The Petitioner:

- has not received a Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders and is unaware of any Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders concerning Decedent.
- has received or is aware of a Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders concerning Decedent. See attached Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders or explanation.

6. No court has appointed a personal representative and no such appointment proceeding is pending in this state or elsewhere.

A court has appointed a personal representative or an appointment proceeding is pending in the State of _____. (Attach a statement explaining the circumstances and indicating the name and address of the personal representative. Attach a certified copy of the appointing document if the appointment has been finalized.)

7. Except as may be disclosed in an attached explanation and after the exercise of reasonable diligence, the petitioner is unaware of any instrument revoking the will and is unaware of any prior wills relating to property in Colorado that have not been expressly revoked by a later instrument.

Or

The date of the decedent's last will is _____.

The dates of all codicils are _____.

The will and any codicils are collectively referred to as "the will". The petitioner believes that it is the decedent's last will and that it was validly executed.

8. The original will

was deposited with this court before the decedent's death (§ 15-11-515, C.R.S.)

has been delivered to this court since the decedent's death (§ 15-11-516, C.R.S.)

is filed with this petition.

Other: _____

An e-filed copy of the will is filed with this petition.

The original will be delivered to the court forthwith.

The will is an electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-~~12-1505~~11-1305, C.R.S. and an e-filed copy of the will is filed with this application.

The will is an electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-~~12-1505~~11-1305, C.R.S. and a certified paper copy of the will pursuant to § 15-~~12-1509~~11-1309, C.R.S. is filed with this application.

The will has been probated in the State of _____. Authenticated copies of the will and of the statement probating it are filed with this petition. (§ 15-12-402, C.R.S.)

9. Decedent's marital and family status:

a) Did a spouse or partner in a civil union survive the decedent? Yes No

b) Did the decedent have a surviving parent? Yes No

c) Did the decedent have surviving children or other descendants? Yes No

d) Does the decedent's surviving spouse or partner in a civil union have surviving descendants who are not descendants of the decedent? Yes No

e) Are all of the decedent's surviving descendants also descendants of the surviving spouse or partner in a civil union? Yes No

f) Are any of the decedent's children minors? Yes No

10. The names and addresses of the decedent's spouse, partner in a civil union, children, other heirs, and devisees are as follows:

◆ If a guardian or conservator has been appointed for one of the persons listed below, also provide the name and address of the guardian or conservator.

◆ If a minor child is listed, list the child's parent(s), guardian, or conservator.

◆ If a spouse, partner in a civil union, or child has predeceased the Decedent, include the date of death.

◆ A sample of this section is included in the Instructions - JDF 906.

Name	Address or Date of Death	Age, only if Minor	Relationship (e.g. spouse, partner in a civil union, child, brother, guardian for spouse, etc.)

11. Petitioner is 21 years of age or older and nominates himself or herself to be appointed as personal representative.

Or

Petitioner is 21 years of age or older and nominates himself/herself to be appointed as co-personal representative along with the following as a co-personal representative.

Name: _____ The Nominee is 21 years of age or older.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Or

Petitioner nominates the following person be appointed as Personal Representative.

Name: _____ The Nominee is 21 years of age or older.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

12. The nominee has priority for appointment because of:

statutory priority. (§ 15-12-203, C.R.S.)

reasons stated in the attached explanation.

Persons with prior or equal right to appointment are as follows:

All person(s) (other than those identified in Paragraph 11 above) with prior or equal right to appointment have renounced their right to appointment (JDF 912SC). All required renuncements accompany this petition.

13. Bond is not required by the will and no interested person demanded that bond be filed. (Skip #14 below.)
 Bond is required by will or is being demanded by an interested person. (Complete #14 below.)
 Bond in the amount of \$ _____ has been demanded.

14. Petitioner states the following regarding the decedent's estate, if required by § 15-12-604, C.R.S.

Estimated value of real estate	\$
Estimated value of personal property	\$
Annual income expected from all sources	\$
TOTAL	\$

15. The personal representative may receive compensation.

- The hourly rates to be charged, any amounts to be charged pursuant to a published fee schedule, including the rates and basis for charging fees for any extraordinary services, and any other bases upon which a fee charged to the estate will be calculated, are as stated below or in an attachment to this petition. *

- The basis of compensation has not yet been determined.

* There is a continuing obligation to disclose any material changes to the basis for charging fees. (§ 15-10-602 C.R.S.)

16. The personal representative may compensate his, her, or its counsel.

- The hourly rates to be charged, any amounts to be charged pursuant to a published fee schedule, including the rates and basis for charging fees for any extraordinary services, and any other bases upon which a fee charged to the estate will be calculated, are as stated below or in an attachment to this petition. *

- The basis of compensation has not yet been determined.

* There is a continuing obligation to disclose any material changes to the basis for charging fees. (§ 15-10-602 C.R.S.)

17. Unsupervised administration is requested.

- Supervised administration is requested (additional filing fee required). Terms of the requested supervision are as follows:

After notice and hearing, the petitioner requests that the court formally admit the decedent's will to probate, determine the heirs of the decedent and formally appoint the nominee as personal representative to serve:

without bond with bond in the amount of _____.

in unsupervised administration in supervised administration (additional filing fee required)

and that Letters Testamentary be issued to the personal representative or that previously issued Letters be confirmed. The petitioner also requests:

a setting aside of prior informal findings as to testacy.

a setting aside of prior informal appointment of personal representative.

other: _____

By checking this box, I am acknowledging I am filling in the blanks and not changing anything else on the form.

By checking this box, I am acknowledging that I have made a change to the original content of this form.

VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of Colorado that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on the _____ day of
(date)

Executed on the _____ day of
(date)

_____, _____,
(month) (year)

_____, _____,
(month) (year)

at _____
(city or other location, and state OR country)

at _____
(city or other location, and state OR country)

(printed name)

(printed name)

(Signature of Petitioner)

(Signature of Co-Petitioner, if any)

Attorney Signature, (if any)

Date

Note:

- Please remember to add any AKA names in the caption, if applicable.

8. The heirs of the decedent are:

Name	Relationship (e.g. spouse, partner in a civil union, child, brother, guardian for spouse, etc.)

9. The following person is qualified to serve and is appointed or confirmed as personal representative:

Name: _____ The Nominee is 21 years of age or older.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

The prior informal appointment of _____ (name) is set aside and the letters are revoked.

10. The personal representative will serve

without bond.

with bond in the amount of \$_____.

in unsupervised administration.

in supervised administration as described in an attachment to this order.

11. Letters Testamentary will be issued or previously issued letters are confirmed.

Date: _____

 Judge Magistrate

<input type="checkbox"/> District Court <input type="checkbox"/> Denver Probate Court _____ County, Colorado Court Address: _____ <hr/> In the Matter of the Estate of: Deceased	
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): _____ Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____ FAX Number: _____ Atty. Reg. #: _____	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲ Case Number: _____ Division Courtroom
APPLICATION FOR INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT TO § 15-12-614, C.R.S.	

The applicant, an interested person pursuant to § 15-10-201(27), C.R.S., makes the following statements:

1. Information about the applicant:

Name: _____ Relationship to Decedent _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Mailing Address, if different: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

2. The decedent, _____, died on _____ (date) at the age of ____ years. The decedent was domiciled or resided in the City of _____ County of _____, the State of _____.

3. Venue for this proceeding is proper in this county because the decedent:
 had his or her domicile or residence in this county on the date of death.
 did not have his or her domicile or residence in Colorado, but had property located in this county on the date of death.

4. This application is filed within the time period permitted by law. Three years or less have passed since the decedent's death, or circumstances described in § 15-12-108, C.R.S. authorize tardy probate or appointment.

5. The applicant:
 has not received a Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders and is unaware of any Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders concerning Decedent.
 has received or is aware of a Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders concerning decedent. See attached Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders or explanation.

6. No court has appointed a personal representative and no such appointment proceeding is pending in this state or elsewhere.
- A court has appointed a personal representative or an appointment proceeding is pending in the State of _____ . (Attach a statement explaining the circumstances and indicating the name and address of the personal representative. Attach a certified copy of the appointing document if the appointment has been finalized.)
7. Except as may be disclosed in an attached explanation and after the exercise of reasonable diligence, the applicant is unaware of any instrument revoking the will and is unaware of any prior wills relating to property in Colorado that have not been expressly revoked by a later instrument.

Or

The date of the decedent's last will is _____ .
 The dates of all codicils are _____ .
 The will and any codicils are collectively referred to as "the will." The applicant believes that it is the decedent's last will and that it was validly executed.

8. The original will:
- was deposited with this court before the decedent's death (§ 15-11-515, C.R.S.)
 - has been delivered to this court since the decedent's death (§ 15-11-516, C.R.S.); or
 - is filed with this application,
 - An e-filed copy of the will is filed with this application,
 - The original will be delivered to the court forthwith.
 - The will is an electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-42-150511-1305, C.R.S. and an e-filed copy of the will is filed with this application.
 - The will is an electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-42-150911-1309, C.R.S. and a certified paper copy of the will pursuant to § 15-42-150911-1309, C.R.S. is filed with this application.

The will has been probated in the State of _____ . Authenticated copies of the will and of the statement probating it are filed with this application. (§ 15-12-402, C.R.S.)

9. Decedent's marital and family status:
- a) Did a spouse or partner in a civil union survive the decedent? Yes No
 - b) Did the decedent have a surviving parent? Yes No
 - c) Did the decedent have surviving children or other descendants? Yes No
 - d) Does the decedent's surviving spouse or partner in a civil union have surviving descendants who are not descendants of the decedent? Yes No
 - e) Are all of the decedent's surviving descendants also descendants of the surviving spouse or partner in a civil union? Yes No
 - f) Are any of the decedent's children minors? Yes No

- 10. List names and addresses of decedent's spouse, partner in a civil union, children, other heirs, and devisees as follows:**
- ◆ If a guardian or conservator has been appointed for one of the persons listed below, also provide the name and address of the guardian or conservator.
 - ◆ If a minor child is listed, list the child's parent(s), guardian or conservator.
 - ◆ If a spouse, partner in a civil union, or child has predeceased the decedent, include the date of death.

14. Applicant states the following regarding the decedent's estate. (§ 15-12-604, C.R.S.)

Estimated value of real estate	\$
Estimated value of personal property	\$
Annual income expected from all sources	\$
TOTAL	\$

15. The special administrator may receive compensation.

The hourly rates to be charged, any amounts to be charged pursuant to a published fee schedule, including the rates and basis for charging fees for any extraordinary services, and any other bases upon which a fee charged to the estate will be calculated, are as stated below or in an attachment to this application. *

The basis of compensation has not yet been determined.

* There is a continuing obligation to disclose any material changes to the basis for charging fees. (§ 15-10-602 C.R.S.)

16. The special administrator may compensate his, her, or its counsel.

The hourly rates to be charged, any amounts to be charged pursuant to a published fee schedule, including the rates and basis for charging fees for any extraordinary services, and any other bases upon which a fee charged to the estate will be calculated, are as stated below or in an attachment to this application. *

The basis of compensation has not yet been determined.

* There is a continuing obligation to disclose any material changes to the basis for charging fees. (§ 15-10-602 C.R.S.)

17. Bond in the amount of \$ _____ is requested. (§ 15-12-603(1)(a), C.R.S.)

The applicant requests that the registrar informally appoint the nominee as special administrator to serve with bond and that Letters of Special Administration be issued.

- By checking this box, I am acknowledging I am filling in the blanks and not changing anything else on the form.
- By checking this box, I am acknowledging that I have made a change to the original content of this form.

VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of Colorado that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on the _____ day of
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(date)

_____, _____,
(month) (year)

_____, _____,
(month) (year)

at _____
(city or other location, and state OR country)

at _____
(city or other location, and state OR country)

(printed name)

(printed name)

(Signature of Applicant)

(Signature of Co-Applicant, if any)

Attorney Signature, (if any)

Date

Note:

- Please remember to add any AKA names in the caption, if applicable.

<input type="checkbox"/> District Court <input type="checkbox"/> Denver Probate Court _____ County, Colorado Court Address: _____ <hr/> In the Matter of the Estate of: Deceased	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): _____ Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____ FAX Number: _____ Atty. Reg. #: _____	Case Number: _____ Division _____ Courtroom _____
PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT TO § 15-12-614, C.R.S.	

The petitioner, an interested person pursuant to § 15-10-201(27), C.R.S., makes the following statements:

1. Information about the petitioner:

Name: _____ Relationship to Decedent _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Mailing Address, if different: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

2. The decedent, _____, died on _____ (date) at the age of ____ years. The decedent was domiciled or resided in the City of _____ County of _____, State of _____.

3. Venue for this proceeding is proper in this county because the decedent:
 had his or her domicile or residence in this county on the date of death.
 did not have his or her domicile or residence in Colorado, but had property located in this county on the date of death.

4. This petition is filed within the time period permitted by law. Three years or less have passed since the decedent's death, or circumstances described in § 15-12-108, C.R.S. authorize tardy probate or appointment.

5. The petitioner:
 has not received a Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders and is unaware of any Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders concerning Decedent.
 has received or is aware of a Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders concerning Decedent. See attached Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders or explanation.

6. No court has appointed a personal representative and no such appointment proceeding is pending in this state or elsewhere.

A court has appointed a personal representative or an appointment proceeding is pending in the State of _____ . (Attach a statement explaining the circumstances and indicating the name and address of the personal representative. Attach a certified copy of the appointing document if the appointment has been finalized.)

7. Except as may be disclosed in an attached explanation and after the exercise of reasonable diligence, the petitioner is unaware of any instrument revoking the will and is unaware of any prior wills relating to property in Colorado that have not been expressly revoked by a later instrument.

or

The date of the decedent's last will is _____ .

The dates of all codicils are _____ .

The will and any codicils collectively are referred to as "the will." The petitioner believes that it is the decedent's last will and that it was validly executed.

8. The original will:

was deposited with this court before the decedent's death (§ 15-11-515, C.R.S.)

has been delivered to this court since the decedent's death (§ 15-11-516, C.R.S.)

is filed with this petition.

An e-filed copy of the will is filed with this petition.

The original will be delivered to the court forthwith.

The will is an electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-42-4505 ~~11-1305~~, C.R.S. and an e-filed copy of the will is filed with this petition.

The will is an electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-42-4505 ~~11-1305~~, C.R.S. and a certified paper copy of the will pursuant to § 15-42-4509 ~~11-1309~~, C.R.S. is filed with this petition.

The will has been probated in the State of _____ . Authenticated copies of the will and of the statement probating it are filed with this petition. (§ 15-12-402, C.R.S.)

9. Decedent's marital and family status:

a) Did a spouse or partner in a civil union survive the decedent? Yes No

b) Did the decedent have a surviving parent? Yes No

c) Did the decedent have surviving children or other descendants? Yes No

d) Does the decedent's surviving spouse or partner in a civil union have surviving descendants who are not descendants of the decedent? Yes No

e) Are all of the decedent's surviving descendants also descendants of the surviving spouse or partner in a civil union? Yes No

f) Are any of the decedent's children minors? Yes No

10. List names and addresses of decedent's spouse, partner in a civil union, children, heirs and devisees.

◆ If a guardian or conservator has been appointed for one of the persons listed below, also provide the name and address of the guardian or conservator.

◆ If a minor child is listed, list the child's parent(s), guardian or conservator.

◆ If a spouse, partner in a civil union, or child has predeceased the decedent, include the date of death.

Name	Address or date of death	Age, only if Minor	Relationship (e.g. spouse, partner in a civil union, child, brother, guardian for spouse, etc.)

11. Petitioner requests appointment of a special administrator to preserve the estate or to secure its proper administration for the following reasons: (§ 15-12-614(1)(b), C.R.S.)

12. Petitioner is 21 years of age or older and nominates himself or herself to be appointed as special administrator.

Or

Petitioner nominates the following person be appointed as special administrator.

Name: _____ The Nominee is 21 years of age or older.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

13. The nominee has priority for appointment because of:

statutory priority (§§ 15-12-203, 15-12-615, and 15-12-621(9), C.R.S.)

reasons stated in the attached explanation

The persons with prior or equal right to appointment are _____(name).

All persons with prior or equal right to appointment have executed a required renouncement that accompanies this application.

No notice has been given because an emergency exists and appointment should be made immediately.

14. Petitioner states the following regarding the decedent's estate. (§ 15-12-604, C.R.S.)

Estimated value of real estate	\$
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Estimated value of personal property	\$
Annual income expected from all sources	\$
TOTAL	\$

15. The special administrator may receive compensation.

The hourly rates to be charged, any amounts to be charged pursuant to a published fee schedule, including the rates and basis for charging fees for any extraordinary services, and any other bases upon which a fee charged to the estate will be calculated, are as stated below or in an attachment to this petition. *

The basis of compensation has not yet been determined.

* There is a continuing obligation to disclose any material changes to the basis for charging fees. (§ 15-10-602 C.R.S.)

16. The special administrator may compensate his, her or its counsel.

The hourly rates to be charged, any amounts to be charged pursuant to a published fee schedule, including the rates and basis for charging fees for any extraordinary services, and any other bases upon which a fee charged to the estate will be calculated, are as stated below or in an attachment to this petition. *

The basis of compensation has not yet been determined.

* There is a continuing obligation to disclose any material changes to the basis for charging fees. (§ 15-10-602 C.R.S.)

17. Bond is not required by the will (if any) nor has any interested person demanded that bond be filed.

Bond in the amount of \$ _____ has been demanded.

After notice and hearing, the petitioner requests that the court formally appoint the nominee as special administrator to serve:

without bond.

with bond in the amount of \$ _____

and that Letters of Special Administration be issued.

By checking this box, I am acknowledging I am filling in the blanks and not changing anything else on the form.

By checking this box, I am acknowledging that I have made a change to the original content of this form.

VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of Colorado that the foregoing is true and correct.

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at _____
(city or other location, and state OR country)

at _____
(city or other location, and state OR country)

(printed name)

(printed name)

(Signature of Petitioner)

(Signature of Co-Petitioner, if any)

Attorney Signature, (if any)

Date

Note:

- Please remember to add any AKA names in the caption, if applicable.

Rule 57. Electronic Wills

When an electronic will, as defined by § 15-11-1302(3), C.R.S., is tendered to the court for deposit, lodging or probate, these rules control.

- (a) Courts may not accept or receive an electronic will by external media or by any method that requires access to a judicial device pursuant to Chief Justice Directive (CJD) 07-01.
- (b) Electronic wills submitted for deposit or lodging with the court must be converted by the proponent to a paper copy and certified as set forth in § 15-11-1309, C.R.S.
- (c) Courts are only authorized to accept electronic wills for deposit or lodging that have been converted to a paper copy and are accompanied by a certification as set forth in § 15-11-1309, C.R.S.
- (d) When an electronic will is presented for probate in paper form, it must be submitted with a certification as set forth in § 15-11-1309, C.R.S. When multiple wills have been deposited, lodged, or filed with the court, the court must determine whether probate should proceed formally.
- (e) Court staff, in their official capacity, may not notarize or witness an electronic will.
- (f) Court staff, in their official capacity, may not create a paper copy of an electronic will for certification as an original as set forth in § 15-11-1309, C.R.S.
- (g) Court staff, in their official capacity, may certify as a part of the court's record, a paper copy of the electronic will lodged with the court, together with its certification as set forth in § 15-11-1309, C.R.S., as described above in (b).
- (h) Court staff, in their official capacity, may certify as a part of the court's record, a paper copy of the electronic will submitted to the court for probate, together with its certification as set forth in § 15-11-1309, C.R.S., as described above in (d).
- (i) Court staff, in their official capacity, may certify as part of the court's record, an electronic will submitted to the court for probate via the Colorado Court's E-filing (CCE) system.

COMMENTS

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[1] For limits regarding remote notarization, see § 24-21-514.5(2)(b)(II), C.R.S.

[2] When C.R.P.P. 91 and C.R.P.P. 92 are active due to a public health crisis having been declared by the Governor of Colorado, this Rule 57 governing electronic wills controls - supersedes both C.R.P.P. 91 and C.R.P.P. 92.

<input type="checkbox"/> District Court <input type="checkbox"/> Denver Probate Court _____ County, Colorado Court Address: _____ <hr/> In the Matter of the Estate of: Deceased	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): _____ Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____ FAX Number: _____ Atty. Reg. #: _____	Case Number: _____ Division Courtroom
APPLICATION FOR INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE	

******* Use this form if the decedent left a will *******

The applicant, an interested person pursuant to § 15-10-201(27), C.R.S., makes the following statements:

1. Information about the applicant:

Name: _____ Relationship to Decedent: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Mailing Address, if different: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

2. The Decedent _____ (name) died on _____ (date) at the age of ____ years. The decedent was domiciled or resided in the City of _____ County of _____, the State of _____.

3. Venue for this proceeding is proper in this county because the decedent:
 had his or her domicile or residence in this county on the date of death.
 did not have his or her domicile or residence in Colorado, but had property located in this county on the date of death.

4. This application is filed within the time period permitted by law. Three years or less have passed since the decedent's death, or circumstances described in § 15-12-108, C.R.S. authorize tardy probate or appointment.

5. The applicant:
 has not received a Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders and is unaware of any Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders concerning the decedent.
 has received or is aware of a Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders concerning the Decedent. See attached Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders or explanation.

6. No court has appointed a personal representative and no such appointment proceeding is pending in this state or elsewhere.

A court has appointed a personal representative or an appointment proceeding is pending in the State of _____ (Attach a statement explaining the circumstances and indicating the name and address of the personal representative. Attach a certified copy of the appointing document if the appointment has been finalized.)

7. The date of the decedent's last will is _____.

The dates of all codicils are _____.

The will and any codicils are collectively referred to as "the Will." The applicant believes that it is the decedent's last will and that it was validly executed.

Except as may be disclosed in an attached explanation and after the exercise of reasonable diligence, the applicant is unaware of any instrument revoking the will and is unaware of any prior wills relating to property in Colorado that were not expressly revoked by a later instrument.

The original will

was deposited with this court before the decedent's death. (§ 15-11-515, C.R.S.);

has been delivered to this court since the decedent's death. (§ 15-11-516, C.R.S.); or

is filed with this application.

An e-filed copy of the will is filed with this application.

The original will be delivered to the court forthwith.

The will is an electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-11-1305, C.R.S. and an e-filed copy of the will is filed with this application.

The will is an electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-11-1305, C.R.S. and a certified paper copy of the will pursuant to § 15-11-1309, C.R.S. is filed with this application.

The will has been probated in the State of _____. Authenticated copies of the will and of the statement probating it are filed with this application. (§ 15-12-402, C.R.S.)

8. Decedent's marital and family status:

a) Did a spouse or partner in a civil union survive the decedent? Yes No

b) Did the decedent have a surviving parent? Yes No

c) Did the decedent have surviving children or other descendants? Yes No

d) Does the decedent's surviving spouse or partner in a civil union have surviving descendants who are not descendants of the decedent? Yes No

e) Are all of the decedent's surviving descendants also descendants of the surviving spouse or partner in a civil union? Yes No

f) Are any of the decedent's children minors? Yes No

9. **The names and addresses of the decedent's spouse, partner in a civil union, children, other heirs and devisees are as follows:**

- If a guardian or conservator has been appointed for one of the persons listed below, also provide the name and address of the guardian or conservator.
- If a minor child is listed, list the child's parent(s), guardian or conservator.
- If a spouse, partner in a civil union, or child has predeceased the decedent, include the date of death.
- A sample of this section is included in the Instructions - JDF 906.

Name	Address or Date of Death	Age, only if Minor	Relationship (e.g. spouse, partner in a civil union, child, brother,

			guardian for spouse, etc.)

10. Applicant is 21 years of age or older and nominates himself/herself to be appointed as personal representative.

Or

Applicant is 21 years of age or older and nominates himself/herself to be appointed as co-personal representative along with the following as a co-personal representative.

Name: _____ The Nominee is 21 years of age or older.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Or

Applicant nominates the following person be appointed as personal representative.

Name: _____ The Nominee is 21 years of age or older.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

11. The nominee has priority for appointment because of:

statutory priority. (§ 15-12-203, C.R.S.)

reasons stated in the attached explanation.

Persons with prior or equal rights to appointment are as follows:

All person(s) (other than those identified in Paragraph 10 above) with prior or equal right to appointment have renounced their right to appointment (JDF 912SC). All required renuncements accompany this application.

12. The personal representative may receive compensation.

The hourly rates to be charged, any amounts to be charged pursuant to a published fee schedule, including the rates and basis for charging fees for any extraordinary services, and any other bases upon which a fee charged to the estate will be calculated, are as stated below or in an attachment to this application. *

The basis of compensation has not yet been determined.*

* There is a continuing obligation to disclose any material changes to the basis for charging fees. (§ 15-10-602 C.R.S.)

13. The personal representative may compensate his, her, or its counsel.

The hourly rates to be charged, any amounts to be charged pursuant to a published fee schedule, including the rates and basis for charging fees for any extraordinary services, and any other bases upon which a fee charged to the estate will be calculated, are as stated below or in an attachment to this application.*

The basis of compensation has not yet been determined.*

* There is a continuing obligation to disclose any material changes to the basis for charging fees. (§ 15-10-602 C.R.S.)

14. Bond is not required by the will and no interested person demanded that bond be filed. (Skip #15 below.)

Bond is required by will or is being demanded by an interested person. (Complete #15 below.)

Bond in the amount of \$ _____ has been demanded.

15. Applicant states the following regarding the decedent's estate if required by § 15-12-604, C.R.S.

Estimated value of real estate	\$
Estimated value of personal property	\$
Annual income expected from all sources	\$
TOTAL	\$

16. The applicant requests that the registrar informally admit the decedent's will to probate and that the nominee be informally appointed as personal representative in unsupervised administration to serve:

without bond with bond in the amount of \$ _____

and that Letters Testamentary be issued.

By checking this box, I am acknowledging I am filling in the blanks and not changing anything else on the form.

By checking this box, I am acknowledging that I have made a change to the original content of this form.

VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of Colorado that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on the _____ day of
(date)

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(date)

_____, _____,
(month) (year)

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(month) (year)

at _____
(city or other location, and state OR country)

at _____
(city or other location, and state OR country)

(printed name)

(printed name)

(Signature of Applicant)

(Signature of Co-Applicant, if any)

Attorney Signature, (if any)

Date

Note:

- Please remember to add any AKA names in the caption, if applicable.

<input type="checkbox"/> District Court <input type="checkbox"/> Denver Probate Court _____ County, Colorado Court Address: <hr/> In the Matter of the Estate of: Deceased	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲ <hr/> Case Number: Division: Courtroom:
ORDER FOR INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE	

Upon consideration of the Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative filed by _____ (applicant), on _____ (date),

THE REGISTRAR FINDS, DETERMINES, AND ORDERS:

1. The applicant is an interested person and has filed a complete and verified application.

2. The decedent died on _____ (date) and 120 hours have elapsed since the decedent's death. If the decedent was not a resident of Colorado, 30 days have elapsed since the decedent's death, or the personal representative appointed at the decedent's domicile or residence is the applicant. (§ 15-12-307, C.R.S.)

3. The decedent was domiciled or resided in the City of _____ County of _____, State of _____.

4. Venue is proper in this county.

5. The application was filed within the time period permitted by law.

6. The decedent left a will dated _____.
 The dates of all codicils are _____.
 The will and any codicils are referred to as the will.
 The original will, electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-11-1305, C.R.S., and/or e-filed copy of the duly executed, unrevoked will is in the registrar's possession.
 There are no known prior wills which have not been expressly revoked by a later instrument.
 The will is admitted to informal probate.

7. The following person is qualified to serve and is appointed as personal representative:
 Name: _____ The Nominee is 21 years of age or older.
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Mailing Address, if different: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Primary Phone _____ Alternate Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

8. Appointment is made with without bond in unsupervised administration.

9. Letters Testamentary will be issued.

Date: _____

 Judge Magistrate Registrar

<input type="checkbox"/> District Court <input type="checkbox"/> Denver Probate Court _____ County, Colorado Court Address: <hr/> In the Matter of the Estate of: Deceased OR <hr/> Custodian of the Will (Name)	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): Phone Number: E-mail: FAX Number: Atty. Reg. #:	Case Number: Lodged Will Number: Deposited Will Number: Division Courtroom
CERTIFICATION OF AN ELECTRONIC WILL PURSUANT TO § 15-11-1309, C.R.S.	

I, _____ (name), declare under penalty of perjury that the paper copy of the electronic will attached to this Certification is a complete, true, and accurate copy of the electronic will pursuant to § 15-11-1309, C.R.S.

1. The paper copy of the electronic will attached to this Certification is not a self-proving will.

OR

The paper copy of the electronic will attached to this Certification is a self-proving will and the self-proving affidavits are attached.

2. The attached paper copy of the electronic will is submitted for lodging with the court and accompanies JDF 919 – Submission of Will Pursuant to § 15-11-516, C.R.S.

OR

The attached paper copy of the electronic will is submitted to the court for probate.

OR

The attached paper copy of the electronic will is submitted for deposit with the court.

By checking this box, I am acknowledging I am filling in the blanks and not changing anything else on the form.

By checking this box, I am acknowledging that I have made a change to the original content of this form.

VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of Colorado that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on the _____ day of
(date)

_____, _____,
(month) (year)

at _____
(city or other location, and state OR country)

(printed name)

(Signature of Person Certifying the Affixed Will or Testator)

Attorney Signature, (if any)

Date

District Court <input type="checkbox"/> Denver Probate Court _____ County, Colorado Court Address: _____		
In the Matter of the Estate of: Deceased		▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): _____ Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____ FAX Number: _____ Atty. Reg. #: _____		Case Number: _____ Division _____ Courtroom _____
PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE		

***** Use this form if the decedent left a will *****

The petitioner, an interested person pursuant to § 15-10-201(27), C.R.S., makes the following statements:

1. Information about the petitioner:

Name: _____ Relationship to Decedent _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Mailing Address, if different: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

2. The decedent, _____, died on _____ (date) at the age of ____ years. The decedent was domiciled or resided in the City of _____ County of _____, State of _____.

3. Venue for this proceeding is proper in this county because the decedent:

- had his or her domicile or residence in this county on the date of death.
- did not have his or her domicile or residence in Colorado, but had property located in this county on the date of death.

4. This petition is filed within the time period permitted by law. Three years or less have passed since the decedent's death, or circumstances described in § 15-12-108, C.R.S. authorize tardy probate or appointment.

5. The Petitioner:

- has not received a Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders and is unaware of any Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders concerning Decedent.
- has received or is aware of a Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders concerning Decedent. See attached Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders or explanation.

6. No court has appointed a personal representative and no such appointment proceeding is pending in this state or elsewhere.

A court has appointed a personal representative or an appointment proceeding is pending in the State of _____. (Attach a statement explaining the circumstances and indicating the name and address of the personal representative. Attach a certified copy of the appointing document if the appointment has been finalized.)

7. Except as may be disclosed in an attached explanation and after the exercise of reasonable diligence, the petitioner is unaware of any instrument revoking the will and is unaware of any prior wills relating to property in Colorado that have not been expressly revoked by a later instrument.

Or

The date of the decedent's last will is _____.

The dates of all codicils are _____.

The will and any codicils are collectively referred to as "the will". The petitioner believes that it is the decedent's last will and that it was validly executed.

8. The original will

was deposited with this court before the decedent's death (§ 15-11-515, C.R.S.)

has been delivered to this court since the decedent's death (§ 15-11-516, C.R.S.)

is filed with this petition.

Other: _____

An e-filed copy of the will is filed with this petition.

The original will be delivered to the court forthwith.

The will is an electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-11-1305, C.R.S. and an e-filed copy of the will is filed with this application.

The will is an electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-11-1305, C.R.S. and a certified paper copy of the will pursuant to § 15-11-1309, C.R.S. is filed with this application.

The will has been probated in the State of _____. Authenticated copies of the will and of the statement probating it are filed with this petition. (§ 15-12-402, C.R.S.)

9. Decedent's marital and family status:

a) Did a spouse or partner in a civil union survive the decedent? Yes No

b) Did the decedent have a surviving parent? Yes No

c) Did the decedent have surviving children or other descendants? Yes No

d) Does the decedent's surviving spouse or partner in a civil union have surviving descendants who are not descendants of the decedent? Yes No

e) Are all of the decedent's surviving descendants also descendants of the surviving spouse or partner in a civil union? Yes No

f) Are any of the decedent's children minors? Yes No

10. The names and addresses of the decedent's spouse, partner in a civil union, children, other heirs, and devisees are as follows:

- ◆ If a guardian or conservator has been appointed for one of the persons listed below, also provide the name and address of the guardian or conservator.
- ◆ If a minor child is listed, list the child's parent(s), guardian, or conservator.
- ◆ If a spouse, partner in a civil union, or child has predeceased the Decedent, include the date of death.
- ◆ A sample of this section is included in the Instructions - JDF 906.

Name	Address or Date of Death	Age, only if Minor	Relationship (e.g. spouse, partner in a civil union,
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			child, brother, guardian for spouse, etc.)

11. Petitioner is 21 years of age or older and nominates himself or herself to be appointed as personal representative.

Or

Petitioner is 21 years of age or older and nominates himself/herself to be appointed as co-personal representative along with the following as a co-personal representative.

Name: _____ The Nominee is 21 years of age or older.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Or

Petitioner nominates the following person be appointed as Personal Representative.

Name: _____ The Nominee is 21 years of age or older.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

12. The nominee has priority for appointment because of:

- statutory priority. (§ 15-12-203, C.R.S.)
- reasons stated in the attached explanation.

Persons with prior or equal right to appointment are as follows:

All person(s) (other than those identified in Paragraph 11 above) with prior or equal right to appointment have renounced their right to appointment (JDF 912SC). All required renouncements accompany this petition.

13. Bond is not required by the will and no interested person demanded that bond be filed. (Skip #14 below.)
 Bond is required by will or is being demanded by an interested person. (Complete #14 below.)
 Bond in the amount of \$ _____ has been demanded.

14. Petitioner states the following regarding the decedent's estate, if required by § 15-12-604, C.R.S.

Estimated value of real estate	\$
Estimated value of personal property	\$
Annual income expected from all sources	\$
TOTAL	\$

15. The personal representative may receive compensation.

- The hourly rates to be charged, any amounts to be charged pursuant to a published fee schedule, including the rates and basis for charging fees for any extraordinary services, and any other bases upon which a fee charged to the estate will be calculated, are as stated below or in an attachment to this petition. *

- The basis of compensation has not yet been determined.

* There is a continuing obligation to disclose any material changes to the basis for charging fees. (§ 15-10-602 C.R.S.)

16. The personal representative may compensate his, her, or its counsel.

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17. Unsupervised administration is requested.
 Supervised administration is requested (additional filing fee required). Terms of the requested supervision are as follows:

8. The heirs of the decedent are:

Name	Relationship (e.g. spouse, partner in a civil union, child, brother, guardian for spouse, etc.)

9. The following person is qualified to serve and is appointed or confirmed as personal representative:

Name: _____ The Nominee is 21 years of age or older.
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Mailing Address, if different: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

The prior informal appointment of _____ (name) is set aside and the letters are revoked.

10. The personal representative will serve

- without bond.
- with bond in the amount of \$_____.
- in unsupervised administration.
- in supervised administration as described in an attachment to this order.

11. Letters Testamentary will be issued or previously issued letters are confirmed.

Date: _____

 Judge Magistrate

<input type="checkbox"/> District Court <input type="checkbox"/> Denver Probate Court _____ County, Colorado Court Address: _____ <hr/> In the Matter of the Estate of: Deceased	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): _____ Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____ FAX Number: _____ Atty. Reg. #: _____	Case Number: _____ Division Courtroom
APPLICATION FOR INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT TO § 15-12-614, C.R.S.	

The applicant, an interested person pursuant to § 15-10-201(27), C.R.S., makes the following statements:

1. Information about the applicant:

Name: _____ Relationship to Decedent _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Mailing Address, if different: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

2. The decedent, _____, died on _____ (date) at the age of ____ years. The decedent was domiciled or resided in the City of _____ County of _____, the State of _____.

3. Venue for this proceeding is proper in this county because the decedent:
 had his or her domicile or residence in this county on the date of death.
 did not have his or her domicile or residence in Colorado, but had property located in this county on the date of death.

4. This application is filed within the time period permitted by law. Three years or less have passed since the decedent's death, or circumstances described in § 15-12-108, C.R.S. authorize tardy probate or appointment.

5. The applicant:
 has not received a Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders and is unaware of any Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders concerning Decedent.
 has received or is aware of a Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders concerning decedent. See attached Demand for Notice of Filings or Orders or explanation.

6. No court has appointed a personal representative and no such appointment proceeding is pending in this state or elsewhere.
- A court has appointed a personal representative or an appointment proceeding is pending in the State of _____ . (Attach a statement explaining the circumstances and indicating the name and address of the personal representative. Attach a certified copy of the appointing document if the appointment has been finalized.)
7. Except as may be disclosed in an attached explanation and after the exercise of reasonable diligence, the applicant is unaware of any instrument revoking the will and is unaware of any prior wills relating to property in Colorado that have not been expressly revoked by a later instrument.

Or

The date of the decedent's last will is _____ .
 The dates of all codicils are _____ .
 The will and any codicils are collectively referred to as "the will." The applicant believes that it is the decedent's last will and that it was validly executed.

8. The original will:
- was deposited with this court before the decedent's death (§ 15-11-515, C.R.S.)
 - has been delivered to this court since the decedent's death (§ 15-11-516, C.R.S.); or
 - is filed with this application,
 - An e-filed copy of the will is filed with this application,
 - The original will be delivered to the court forthwith.
 - The will is an electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-11-1305, C.R.S. and an e-filed copy of the will is filed with this application.
 - The will is an electronic will executed in compliance with § 15-11-1305, C.R.S. and a certified paper copy of the will pursuant to § 15-11-1309, C.R.S. is filed with this application.

The will has been probated in the State of _____ . Authenticated copies of the will and of the statement probating it are filed with this application. (§ 15-12-402, C.R.S.)

9. Decedent's marital and family status:
- a) Did a spouse or partner in a civil union survive the decedent? Yes No
 - b) Did the decedent have a surviving parent? Yes No
 - c) Did the decedent have surviving children or other descendants? Yes No
 - d) Does the decedent's surviving spouse or partner in a civil union have surviving descendants who are not descendants of the decedent? Yes No
 - e) Are all of the decedent's surviving descendants also descendants of the surviving spouse or partner in a civil union? Yes No
 - f) Are any of the decedent's children minors? Yes No

- 10. List names and addresses of decedent's spouse, partner in a civil union, children, other heirs, and devisees as follows:**
- ◆ If a guardian or conservator has been appointed for one of the persons listed below, also provide the name and address of the guardian or conservator.
 - ◆ If a minor child is listed, list the child's parent(s), guardian or conservator.
 - ◆ If a spouse, partner in a civil union, or child has predeceased the decedent, include the date of death.

14. Applicant states the following regarding the decedent's estate. (§ 15-12-604, C.R.S.)

Estimated value of real estate	\$
Estimated value of personal property	\$
Annual income expected from all sources	\$
TOTAL	\$

15. The special administrator may receive compensation.

The hourly rates to be charged, any amounts to be charged pursuant to a published fee schedule, including the rates and basis for charging fees for any extraordinary services, and any other bases upon which a fee charged to the estate will be calculated, are as stated below or in an attachment to this application. *

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The basis of compensation has not yet been determined.

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17. Bond in the amount of \$ _____ is requested. (§ 15-12-603(1)(a), C.R.S.)

The applicant requests that the registrar informally appoint the nominee as special administrator to serve with bond and that Letters of Special Administration be issued.

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VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of Colorado that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on the _____ day of
(date)

Executed on the _____ day of
(date)

_____, _____,
(month) (year)

_____, _____,
(month) (year)

at _____
(city or other location, and state OR country)

at _____
(city or other location, and state OR country)

(printed name)

(printed name)

(Signature of Applicant)

(Signature of Co-Applicant, if any)

Attorney Signature, (if any)

Date

Note:

- Please remember to add any AKA names in the caption, if applicable.

<input type="checkbox"/> District Court <input type="checkbox"/> Denver Probate Court _____ County, Colorado Court Address: _____ <hr/> In the Matter of the Estate of: Deceased	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): _____ Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____ FAX Number: _____ Atty. Reg. #: _____	Case Number: _____ Division _____ Courtroom _____
PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT TO § 15-12-614, C.R.S.	

The petitioner, an interested person pursuant to § 15-10-201(27), C.R.S., makes the following statements:

1. Information about the petitioner:

Name: _____ Relationship to Decedent _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
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2. The decedent, _____, died on _____ (date) at the age of ____ years. The decedent was domiciled or resided in the City of _____ County of _____, State of _____.

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A court has appointed a personal representative or an appointment proceeding is pending in the State of _____ . (Attach a statement explaining the circumstances and indicating the name and address of the personal representative. Attach a certified copy of the appointing document if the appointment has been finalized.)

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◆ If a minor child is listed, list the child's parent(s), guardian or conservator.

◆ If a spouse, partner in a civil union, or child has predeceased the decedent, include the date of death.

Name	Address or date of death	Age, only if Minor	Relationship (e.g. spouse, partner in a civil)
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			union, child, brother, guardian for spouse, etc.)

11. Petitioner requests appointment of a special administrator to preserve the estate or to secure its proper administration for the following reasons: (§ 15-12-614(1)(b), C.R.S.)

12. Petitioner is 21 years of age or older and nominates himself or herself to be appointed as special administrator.

Or

Petitioner nominates the following person be appointed as special administrator.

Name: _____ The Nominee is 21 years of age or older.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

13. The nominee has priority for appointment because of:

- statutory priority (§§ 15-12-203, 15-12-615, and 15-12-621(9), C.R.S.)
- reasons stated in the attached explanation

The persons with prior or equal right to appointment are _____(name).

All persons with prior or equal right to appointment have executed a required renouncement that accompanies this application.

No notice has been given because an emergency exists and appointment should be made immediately.

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17. Bond is not required by the will (if any) nor has any interested person demanded that bond be filed.

Bond in the amount of \$_____ has been demanded.

After notice and hearing, the petitioner requests that the court formally appoint the nominee as special administrator to serve:

without bond.

with bond in the amount of \$ _____

and that Letters of Special Administration be issued.

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(Signature of Petitioner)

Attorney Signature, (if any)

_____, _____,
(month) (year)
at _____
(city or other location, and state OR country)

(printed name)

(Signature of Co-Petitioner, if any)

Date

Note:

- Please remember to add any AKA names in the caption, if applicable.

Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc, July 23, 2021, effective immediately.

By the Court:

**Richard L. Gabriel
Justice, Colorado Supreme Court**