

§ 16:11 Estate administration checklist

ESTATE ADMINISTRATION CHECKLIST

ESTATE OF: _____

1. Date and Place of Death: _____
2. Domicile at Death and When Established: _____
3. Residence Address at Death: _____
4. Date and Place of Birth: _____
5. Social Security Number: _____
6. Business or Occupation: _____
7. Marital Status: _____
8. Date and Place of Marriage: _____
9. Date of Divorce: _____
10. Court Where Divorce Granted: _____
11. Name of Spouse: _____
12. Address of Spouse: _____
13. Social Security Number of Spouse: _____
14. Telephone Number of Spouse: Home: _____
Business: _____
15. Location and Number of Safe Deposit Box: _____
16. Co-owners of Safe Deposit Box: _____

17. Advisors:

	Name	Address	Tel.
Executor			
Will Draftsman			
CPA			
Physician			
Clergyman			
Banker			
Broker			
Real Est. Agt.			

18. Date of Will and Where Located at Death: _____

19. Is Will Self-Proved? _____

20. Witnesses (if needed):

Name	Address	Tel.

21. Decedent's Heirs:

Name and Relationship	Age	Address	Tel.
_____	_____	_____	_____

22. Beneficiaries Under Will:

Name and Relationship	Age	Address	Soc. Sec. No.	Tel.
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

23. Arrangements to Be Made/Actions to Be Taken:

	NEEDED (Y N)	WHEN DONE
Review Will:	_____	_____
Funeral, Burial/Cremation:	_____	_____
Name, Address and Telephone of Funeral Home:	_____	_____
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Do Tentative Inventory on Estate:	_____	_____
Make Probate Appointment with Clerk:	_____	_____
Surety for Executor (If Required):	_____	_____
Name, Address and Telephone of Surety Company	_____	_____
Prepare:		
Testate Memorandum:	_____	_____
List of Heirs:	_____	_____
Probate Tax Return:	_____	_____
Probate Will:	_____	_____
Qualify Executor:	_____	_____
Certified Copies of Will:	_____	_____
Certificates of Qualification:	_____	_____
Give Notice of Probate:	_____	_____
File Affidavit of Notice of Probate with Clerk:	_____	_____
Secure Decedent's Residence:	_____	_____
Maintain Fire and Casualty	_____	_____
Insurance:		
Safeguard Valuable Tangibles:	_____	_____
Call for Taxpayer I.D. No./File Form SS-4:	_____	_____
Taxpayer No. of Estate: _____		
Inventory Safe Deposit Box:	_____	_____
Obtain Income Tax Returns for Last Three Years:	_____	_____
Obtain Bank Statements and Checks for Last Three	_____	_____
Years:		
Furnish Above Number to Payors of Income to	_____	_____
Estate:		
File Form 56 (Notice of Fiduciary Relationship):	_____	_____
File Change of Address with Post Office:	_____	_____
Open Estate Checking Account:	_____	_____
Marshall/Identify Assets (Attach Schedules from		
Form 706):		
Real Estate	_____	_____
Stocks and Bonds	_____	_____
Mortgages, Notes and Cash	_____	_____
Insurance	_____	_____
Jointly Owned Property	_____	_____
Other Miscellaneous Property	_____	_____
Transfers During Decedent's Life:	_____	_____
Powers of Appointment:	_____	_____

Annuities: _____
 Open/Maintain Stock Brokerage Account: _____
 Close Charge Accounts: _____
 Collect Decedent's: _____
 Life Insurance _____
 Salary _____
 Social Security Burial Benefit _____
 Veteran's Administration Burial Benefit _____
 Vacation Pay _____
 Deferred Compensation _____
 Pension Plan Death Benefits _____
 Profit Sharing Plan Death Benefits _____
 Arrange Appraiser for: _____
 Real Estate _____
 Name, Address and Tel. of Appraiser _____
 Tangibles _____
 Name, Address and Tel. of Appraiser _____
 Pay Debts: _____
 Funeral _____
 Doctors _____
 Hospitals _____
 Rent/Mortgage _____
 Income Taxes _____
 Property Taxes _____
 Telephone _____
 Electricity _____
 Nursing Home _____
 Gas _____
 Loans _____
 Credit Cards _____
 Mortgage _____
 Other _____

24. File Tax Returns (List Due Dates):

US Income Tax for 20	_____	_____
US Income Tax for 20	_____	_____
VA Income Tax for 20	_____	_____
VA Income Tax for 20	_____	_____
US Fiduc. Inc. Tax for Years:		
Beginning:		
Ending:		
VA Fiduc. Inc. Tax for Years:		
Beginning:		
Ending:		

US Estate Tax Return:	_____	_____
VA Estate Tax Return:	_____	_____
File Extensions of Time for Filing:	_____	_____

25. List Real Estate for Sale:

Name, Address and Telephone of Broker: _____

26. File Inventory with Commissioner of Accounts: _____

27. File Accountings with Commissioner of Accounts for Periods:

Beginning _____

Ending _____

28. Determine Applicability of: _____

Family Allowance: _____

Exempt Property: _____

Homestead Allowance: _____

29. Debts and Demands Hearing _____

30. Show Cause Against Distribution _____

31. Order of Distribution _____

32. Pay Unpaid Taxes, Claims and Levies _____

33. Prepare Sketch of Final Distribution and Account _____

34. Check with Commissioner of Accounts for Fee on Final Account _____

35. Review Account and Proposed Distributions with Beneficiaries _____

36. Prepare Receipts _____

37. Deliver Assets to Beneficiaries, and Have Beneficiaries Sign Final Account and Receipts _____

38. Submit Final Account to Commissioner for Approval _____

39. File Final Fiduciary Income Tax Returns _____

40. Furnish Beneficiaries with Cost Basis Information on Assets and Provide Tax Advice _____

Letters or Schedules K-1 to Beneficiaries for Their Individual Income Tax Returns _____

41. Submit Termination Notice to Internal Revenue Service Center, Using Form 56 _____

42. Receive Copy of Approved Final Account from Commissioner of Accounts _____