Suzanne McCormick Concert Pianist 231 Clinton Avenue Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522



Via Certified Mail

January 30, 2014

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10 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
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RE: Estate of Edmund J. McCormick Westchester File #3255-1988

Dear Chief Clerks Accetta, Athens and DeTraglia:

- 1. This correspondence is a Freedom of Information (FOIL) demand, hereby made under the provisions of said Statute (New York Freedom of Information Law, Article 6 of the Public Officer Law). I/we have repeatedly made inquires and attempts both verbally and in writing for a period in excess of sixteen (16) years to secure a copy of the complete and accurate Docket Record of my late husband's Edmund J. McCormick Estate from the responsible professional parties in the respective listed Surrogate's Courts. This extended 'Odyssey' to effectively deny me with intent my basic rights using the 'Patterns and Practices' of various ruses and/or egregious blatant denials have been time consuming, frustrating and I believe illegal. If 'Bleak House' would be re-written this factual story could be included as a new chapter.
- 2. The journey to obtain the Docket Record under any of the following nomenclature including but not limited to Docket Sheet Minutes Index Case Activity Report et al. (By any identifiable name) has been made arduous and to what purpose or end is the denial? Is it to suppress information and records/documents that form the basis of my late husband's Estate?

- Ralph Martinelli, Newspaper Publisher on March 30, 2004 wrote to John M. Kelly, the then Chief Clerk of the Westchester Surrogate's Court, specifically requesting a "...copy of the computerized minutes..." of the Estate of Edmund J. McCormick. (Exhibit #1 1 pp.) Mr. Kelly responded by phone to Mr. Martinelli and asked his interest in this matter and then said that he would have Jody B. Keltz, Court Attorney-Referee who was in charge of the Estate, return the call. Ms Keltz in a call denied that the Surrogate's Court ever had any Docket Record of any kind at anytime and then volunteered that she didn't think that even the New York State Supreme Court had one any longer. Although, I/we were not a party to any of these telephone calls I/we did hear the audio tapes since Mr. Martinelli had tape recorded the calls.
- Judge Anthony J. Scarpino, Jr., of the Westchester Surrogate's Court (domicile of the my late husband's Estate) was recused in 2003, since he had been employed by Bankers Trust Company (a federal felon) the nominated 'Professional Fiduciary' in my late husband's Will. The Estate was then transferred to the Judge Alfred J. Weiner of the Rockland County Surrogate's Court for a short period of time who also recused himself apparently by his own Motion, as I understand it, since I/we have never been informed and have not been able to discover the salient facts on the Record. Nevertheless, just prior to Judge Weiner's departure he signed an 'Order To Show Cause' on April 1, 2003 submitted by the law firm of Pillsbury Winthrop LLP, on behalf of the alleged Co-Executor Bankers Trust Company. (Exhibit #2 4 pp selected pages)
- 5. During visits to the Rockland Surrogate's Court attempts were made to obtain a copy of the Docket Record during it's stewardship Tenure. The response was that they never had any papers; had done nothing and had not been involved with the Estate. During this period we were also searching for the actual file records (papers and documents) for the Estate and had been told by the Westchester Court that the Appellate Court in Brooklyn had 'all the papers.' When we went to the Appellate Court in Brooklyn looking for the complete 'Record' that had been sent to them, we were told that the 'Record' had been returned to Westchester and they had evidently 'lost' the 'Record' and was attempting to put the blame on the Appellate Court. In fact one of the Clerk's (in Brooklyn) was quite helpful and said that he had called all three (3) Courts looking for the Records to no avail. It was suggested that we go to the Rockland and Dutchess Courts seeking the Record which we did without success. The majority of the McCormick Estate File apparently disappeared from the Westchester venue from what we have been able to ascertain.
- 6. The last formal attempt to secure a "...copy of the complete docket for the Estate of my husband, Edmund J. McCormick...." was contained in a letter dated August 31, 2012, addressed to Joseph M. Accetta, as Chief Clerk of the Westchester County Surrogate's Court. (Exhibit #3 This letter with it's listed attachments ('A thru D' Total of 7 pp.) one of which ("A-1") is a copy of a "...Certificate of Appointment of Executors dated January 21, 2011, on Amended Letters Testamentary; dated January 23, 1992 [based on the resignation of Alfred S. Howes who is listed on the Original Permanent Letters Testamentary dated January 25, 1989], that were issued in this Estate Matter and provided to me by [an attorney at] Deutsche Bank ..." Both Judge James D. Pagones and Joseph M. Accetta Certified this

Certificate (dated January 21, 2011) which is <u>Fraudulent on it's face due to the fact</u> that <u>Deutsche Bank Trust Co. Americas</u> was formerly <u>Bankers Trust Company</u> (prior to the name change of 4-15-2002) neither of which have ever been a legal Fiduciary of the Estate of Edmund J. McCormick and therefore, <u>never had any legal standing in same at any time</u>. Further, neither of these entities were ever at any time known as "Bankers Trust Company of New York" which became a legal entity on September 7, 1999. Additionally, Attachment "B" to this document (Exhibit #3) is an <u>Exemplified Copy of the Permanent Letters Testamentary dated January 25, 1989</u>, which lists the non-existent entity "Bankers Trust Company of New York" as a Fiduciary. The documentary evidence is undisputable in this matter. This has all been done within the full meaning of the word 'Scienter.' This mantra is a continuing of the Patterns and Practices of the ongoing and continuing criminal fraud with intent on the Estate and me. As a direct result this Estate Matter has long since entered the realm of Misprision of Felony as any officer of the court knows. I, as the Widow, have been repeatedly violated by the Courts and the attorneys in this Estate Matter! What kind of a racket is this? I trust everyone can comprehend my sense of Betrayal.

- 7. By way of response (to my request August 31, 2012) a letter, dated September 14, 2012, from Johann K. O'Brien, Deputy Chief Clerk was received which states in part "Please be advised, there is no 'docket' for this file. The file is maintained in this court, even though it may have been reassigned to another Surrogate for disposition of a proceeding." (Emphasis added) (Exhibit #4 2 pp with copy of mailing envelope) This egregious admission of the fact that "...there is no 'docket' for this file" (Emphasis added) (The Estate of Edmund J. McCormick) I find extremely troubling, however there are many issues with my late husband's Estate that are even more troubling much of which I have reported and memorialized in my affidavit (with 118 Supporting Exhibits) containing the documentary evidence dated June 19, 2013, that was filed in both the Westchester (June 20, 2013) and Dutchess (June 21, 2013) Courts that may be found and accessed by visiting the URL http://www.iviewit.tv/Exhibits%20McCormick.pdf that is fully incorporated by reference herein. There has been no Court action regarding my affidavit or the accompanying documents.
- 8. I am including a copy of two (2) pages of the Surrogate Court Procedure Act, Article 25 (Records and Recording), Sections 2501 and 2502. Section 2501 Records to be kept by court; general requirements (1) relates that "The clerk of the court shall keep a record of and be responsible for the proper indexing, filing or recording ..." Again, (5) of this Section (2501) of the Statue states that "When filing is required the paper filed shall be entered in the proper minute book, and date of filing with fee, if any, noted on the paper." Section 2502 delineates the "Books to be kept by clerk" (1) "A record book properly indexed in which shall be entered a description of every proceeding with proper entries under each denoting the papers filed, order and decrees made and the steps taken therein, with the dates of filing and recording the several papers in the proceeding." I am not an attorney, however, I have spoken to several attorneys as well as a retired member of the Judiciary and I'm informed that the Clerks of each of the individual Surrogate's Courts throughout New York State have both a duty and responsibility to maintain a Docket Record. (Exhibit #5 2 pp.)

- 9. I obtained a copy of what is called a "Case Activity Report" (Docket Record) on an unrelated Estate who's venue is the Nassau County Surrogate's Court. Enclosed are the first two (2) pages (of a total of the four page Report) of this Report that have been redacted to shield the identity of the subject Estate. (Exhibit #6 2 pp.) I believe that with this documentary evidence, I have now proven beyond any reasonable doubt that a Docket Record must be maintained pursuant to Statue on ALL Estate matters within the Surrogate's Courts in the State of New York. Now the question becomes why were there years of denial of the Docket Records existence and why did I/we have to endure this abuse and denial of my rights of due process and go through this injustice and Patterns and Practices of Tortuous Interference with intent in this matter? Why only in my husband's Estate is there 'NO' Docket Record for this file. (See Exhibit #4) What was and is the reason, purpose and intent for the Patterns and Practices of these continuing and ongoing egregious acts?
- 10. I think that it is criminal that I have to endure the abuse, oppression and suppression repeatedly by denying this Docket Record which has damaged my due process since I need require this document to prosecute the Estate matter as an Executrix, wife and main beneficiary of my late husband's Estate. I further request that each of the Courts addressed take immediate Judicial Notice and contact the applicable oversight and regulatory authorities regarding this matter.
- 11. By this letter I hereby demand under the FOIL Statue an Exemplified Copy of the complete Docket Record for the Estate of my late husband Edmund J. McCormick pursuant to the applicable Statues from <u>each of the Chief Clerks</u> that were legally tasked under the applicable statues to produce the Docket Record during their individual (and their respective) Court's stewardship. I trust that based on the conclusive salient facts and documents the Patterns and Practices with intent to obstruct and suppress my demands <u>cease</u>. The cover-up has to end!
- 12. Please advise me of the cost of the request for Exemplified Copies in each of the three (3) Surrogate's Courts for the three (3) separate and distinct individual Docket Records from each of the Courts in a timely manner. Thank-you.

Sincerely yours

uzanne McCormick

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Enclosures as listed

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By Register Mail #7003 1680 0005 1767 2557 Return Receipt Requested

March 30, 2004

Mr. John W. Kelly Chief Clerk of the Surrogate's Court 140 Grand Street White Plains, NY 10601

40 LARKIN PLAZA, YONKERS, NEW YORK 10701 (914) 965-4000

RE: Est. Edmund J. McCormick No. 3522/1988

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I hereby request a certified copy of the computerized minutes in the case, above described.

Please advise of the cost in writing, and I will submit the fee by return mail.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph R. Martinelli

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At the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Rectal at 18 New Hempstead Road, New City, New York on the 1st day of Apr. 1 2003.

PRESENT:

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HONORABLE ALFRED J. WEINER,

Active Surrogate.

In the Matter of the Petition of BANKERS TRUST COMPANY and HERMAN MARKOWITZ, as Co-Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Edmund J. McCormick, Deceased, for Authority to Compromise Claims Made By and Against Edmund J. McCormick, Jr.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

File No. 3522-1988

Upon the petition of Bankers Trust Company, now known as Deutsche Bank
Trust Company Americas, a New York Banking corporation with an office at 280 Park Avenue,
New York, New York, verified on February 5, 2003,

Let the respondents show cause before the Surrogate's Court of Rockland County, held at 18 New Hempstead Road, New City, New York on the 8 day of April 2003, at 9:30 a.m. o'clock in the forenoon, why an order should not be granted:

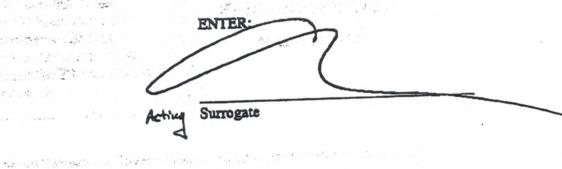
(a) Authorizing Petitioner to compromise all of the objections, claims and allegations asserted against Edmund J. McCormick, Jr. or asserted or raised by Edmund J. McCormick, McCormick, Jr. in the pending accounting proceedings for the Estate of Edmund J. McCormick,

deceased, on the terms set forth in the Stipulation and Order attached to the Petition as Exhibit A; and

(b) Granting such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Sufficient reason appearing therefor, it is hereby

ORDERED, that service by overnight mail or overnight courier service of a copy of this Order to Show Cause, the annexed Petition, and the Memorandum of Law and Affidavit of David G. Keyko in support of said Petition, upon counsel of record to the persons set forth in the service list attached hereto on or before the 2 and day of Afril , 2003, shall be deemed good and sufficient service.



Service List

Counsel of Record Upon
Whom Service Shall be Made

<u>Name</u>

Suzanne V. McCormick Jason Bogli, Esq.

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Estate of Edmund J. McCormick

Robert Tiedemann, Esq.
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Suzanne McCormick Concert Pianist 231 Clinton Avenue Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522



Via Certified Mail #7010 0290 0000 1509 2226

August 31, 2012

Joseph M. Accetta, Esq.
Chief Clerk
Westchester County Surrogate's Court
111 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. - 19th Floor
White Plains, New York 10601

RE: Estate of Edmund J. McCormick Index No. 3522/1988

Dear Mr. Accetta:

At this time, I am writing this letter as a legal Executrix of the Estate of my husband, Edmund J. McCormick. Attached is a copy of the Certificate of Appointment of Executors dated January 21, 2011, on 'Amended Letters Testamentary' dated January 23, 1992 (based on the resignation of Alfred S. Howes who is listed on the Original Letters Testamentary dated January 25, 1989). that were issued in this Estate Matter and provided to me by Deutsche Bank (Attachment A - 1 pp.). This document lists the following 'Fiduciary Appointed' - Suzanne V McCormick (myself), Herman Markowitz, Deutsche Bank Trust Co. Americas f/k/a Bankers Trust Co. of NY and Edmund J McCormick Jr. I am also attaching an Exemplified Copy of the 'Original Letters Testamentary' dated January 25, 1989, signed by Westchester County Surrogate Judge Evans V. Brewster on April 10, 1989 (Attachment B - total of 2 pp.), along with a copy of a 'Certificate of Appointment of Fiduciary' dated April 20, 2004, on which John W. Kelly, then the Chief Clerk included a handwritten note regarding the resignation of Alfred S. Howes as of the date of January 23, 1992. (Attachment C - 1 pp.)

The purpose of this letter is to obtain a certified copy of the complete docket for the Estate of my husband, Edmund J. McCormick, that would show the 'entire' record of all the filings on the docket in this Estate Matter. Please advise me of any cost regarding this request in writing.

Also, attached is a (redacted) copy of letter (with enclosure) dated June 29, 2004 from Kenneth M Bernstein, Principle Court Attorney of the Dutchess County Surrogate's Court regarding in part their understanding of their role in the responsibility of maintaining a computerized docket in this Estate Matter (Attachment D - total 2 pp.).

Thank-you for your attention to this matter.

Smeerely yours

wanne McCormick

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Attachments as listed above

Surrogate's Court of the State of New York Westchester County Certificate of Appointment of Executors

File #: 1988-3522

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that Letters in the estate of the Decedent named below have been granted by this court, as follows:

Name of Decedent

Domicile:

Fiduciary Appointed:
Mailing Address:

Edmand J McCormick

County of Westchester

uzanne V Ticeormick

231 Clinton Ave Dobbs Feire Na

Herman Madicowip 85 Dogwood - and Ivingtor Date of Death: November 27, 1988

Deutsche Bank Trust Co. Americas

Was Bankers Trust Co. of NY

280 Park Avenue

Rew York NY 10017

Edmund McCormick Jr 714 West Shore Trail Sparta NU 07871

Type of Letters Issued: AMENDED LETTERS TEST AMENDED

Letters Issued On: Januara

January 23, 1992

Limitations: NONE

and such Letters are unrevoked and in full force assorthis date:

Dated: January 21, 2011

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Westchester County Surrogate's Court at White Plains, New York.

WITNESS, Hon. James D Pagones, Judge of the Westchester County Surrogate's Court.

Joseph M. accetta

Joseph M Accetta, Chief Clerk Westchester County Surrogate's Court

This Gertificate is Not Valid Without the Raised Seal of the Westchester County Surrogate's Court

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File No. 3522- 14 88

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The People of the State of New York

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IN TESTIMONY WEEREOF, we have ounsed the seal of office of the Surrogate's Court of the County of Wast-chaster to be hereunto officed.

Witness: Honorable Evans V. Browster, Surrogate of our said County, at the City of White Plains, the 25TH day of TANUARY, in the year of our Lord of the wond wine hundred to EXGUTY-NINE

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Witness, HONORA	BLE EVANS V BREWSTER, Surrogate of the County of Westchester, a 10TH APRIL	the 89
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*	Chief Clerk of the Surrogate's Court	
	TER, Surrogate of said County, do hereby certify that PHILIP E. PUGSLEY	
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	PHILIP E. PUGSLEY	

subscribed to the preceding examplification, is the Chirf Clerk of the said Surveyete's Court of the County of Westchaster, and that full foith and credit are due to his official acts. I further certify that the seal affixed to the examplification is the seal of our said Surveyete's Court, and that the attestation thereof is in due form and according to the form of attestation used in this State.



State of New York County of Westchaster Court this 10TH APRIL 19 89

I, PHILIP E. PUGSLEY Chief Clerk of the Surrogate's Court of the County of Westchaster, do hereby certify that HONORABLE EVANS V. BREWSTER whose name is subscribed to the preceding Certificate; is the Surrogate of the County of Westchester, duly elected, sworn and qualified, and that the signature of said Surrogate to said Certificate is genuine.



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Chief Clerk of the Surrogate's Court

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SURROGATE'S COURT)

COUNTY OF Westchester) SS.:CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT OF FIDUCIARY

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that Letters in the Estate of the decedent named below have been granted by this Court as follows:

File No.: 3522-1988

NAME OF DECEDENT:

EDMUND J. MCCORMICK

RESIDENCE OF DECEDENT:

VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY

REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO WHOM

LETTERS ARE ISSUED:

SUZANNE V. MCCORMICK, EDMUND J. MCCORMICK, JR. HERMAN MARKOWITZ AND BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

TYPE OF LETTERS ISSUED:

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

DATE OF LETTERS ISSUED:

JANUARY 25, 1989

LIMITATIONS ON LETTERS:

NONE

and such Letters are unrevoked and in full force as of this date..

April 20, 2004



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the seal of Westchester County Surrogate's Court has been hereunto affixed.

WITNESS HON. ANTHONY A. SCARPINO, JR., Surrogate.

DO NOT ACCEPT THIS CERTIFICATE UNLESS THE RAISED SEAL OF THE COUNTY SURROGATES COURT IS AFFIXED THEREON.

(NOTE: S.C.P.A. 710 PROVIDES IN PART: 4. No fiduciary shall remove property of the estate from New York State without the prior approval of the Court and upon filing a bond if required by the Court").

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Original letters, included alped S. Houses with resigned 1/23/12. Volumb Kally, Chief Clerk

Attachment "C - 1"



JAMES D. PAGONES SURROGATE JUDGE AND AJSC

STATE OF NEW YORK SURROGATE'S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS COUNTY COURTHOUSE 10 MARKET STREET POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. 12601

PHONE (845) 486-2235 FAX (845) 486-2234 JOHN J. ATHERTON CHIEF CLERK

KAREN A. JOHNSON DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

June 29, 2004



Re: Estate of Edmund J. McCormick Index No. 3522/1988

Westchester County by Administrative Judge Honorable Francis A. Nicolai. A copy of Justice Nicolai's assignment is enclosed.

You have been advised that this matter remains a Westchester County proceeding and any issues regarding docketing must be addressed to that Court.

Sincercly,

Kenneth M. Bernstein
Principal Court Attorney

KMB:im Enclosure Exhibit # "3 - 6"

Attachment "D - 1"



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The HON. FRANCIS A. NICOLAI, pursuant to the authority vested

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in him as Administrative Judge of the Ninth Judicial District,

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HEREBY: DOES

> REASSIGN the following cases presently pending in Surrogate's Court, Westchester County, to the MON. JAMES D. PAGONES, Acting Surrogate, Westchester County, until disposition.

In the Matter of the Petition of Bankers Trust Company and Herman Markowitz for settlement of their account as co-executors of the Last Will and Testament of Edmund J. McCormick, Deceased and for a direction pursuant to SCPA \$2215 for a repayment of excess distributions to an interested party, and for recovery of estate assets due from Edmind J. McCormick, Jr. and Sank Street Investment, Inc. d/b/a McCormick Organization

and

In the Matter of the Proceeding by Alfred S. Howes for settlement of account as co-executor of the Last Will and Testament of Edmund J. McCormick, Deceased

File No. 3522/88

This assignment is in addition to his other duties and

reassignments.

Administrative Judge

Ninth Judicial District

Dated: White Plains, New York April 2, 2003

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Mestchester County Surrogate's Court

111 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BOULEVARD 19th FLOOR WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10601

> 914-824-5656 Fax: 914-995-3728

ALAN D. SCHEINKMAN
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JOSEPH M. ACCETTA, ESQ.

ANTHONY A. SCARPINO, JR. SURROGATE

JOHANNA K. O'BRIEN DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

September 14, 2012

Suzanne McCormick 231 Clinton Avenue Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

Re: Estate of Edmund J. McCormick

File Number: 1988-3522

Dear Mrs. McCormick,

The Court is in receipt of your letter dated August 31, 2012. Please be advised, there is no "docket" for this file. The file is maintained in this court, even though it may have been reassigned to another Surrogate for disposition of a proceeding.

This file is maintained in different forms; it is either on microfilm, hard copy files, or scanned into the current Unified Court Management System (UCMS) program. The form is determined when the file was first created, and when the subsequent proceedings were filed. Therefore, the original file will only be on microfilm, what was not microfilmed with original proceeding will be in hard copy form, and anything filed after March 2008 will be scanned into UCMS and viewable from the public computers in the office.

Surrogate's Court files are open records, anyone may view them during operational hours. The operational hours of the Record Room are Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. Copies of the files may be made at a charge of 25¢ per page.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely.

Johanna K. O'Brien

Deputy Chief Clerk

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ARTICLE 25 RECORDS AND RECORDING

Section

2501 Records to be kept by court; general requirements.

2502 Books to be kept by clerk.

2504 Wills to be retained after probate; exceptions.

2505 Transmission of wills of non-domiciliaries and domiciliaries of another county before probate.

2506 Recording wills proved within the state.

2507 Reception of wills for safekeeping.

2508 Filing of will of decedent.

§2501. Records to be kept by court; general requirements.

1. The clerk of the court shall keep a record of and be responsible for the proper indexing, filing or recording, as the case may be, collating, arranging, restoring and preserving of all records, documents, books, maps, instruments and other matter specified in this article or by other requirement of law heretofore or hereafter deposited, filed or recorded, of all matters specified by this article or by other requirement of law.

2. He shall upon payment of the fees required by law exemplify or certify all records and papers filed or recorded and shall search and certify as to records or papers in custody of the court or that they cannot be found.

3. Records shall be kept by means of record books, cards, files or any other system, process, form or combination thereof, as may be prescribed by CPLR 9703 or directed by the court together with such appropriate index or reference system, and such topic, item or other subdivision or arrangement as deemed appropriate or convenient. When the clerk is directed to keep a record book it may be kept by one or more of the methods prescribed as may be currently utilized by the court for the purpose.

4. The expense of keeping the records required by law to be kept shall be a charge upon the county, state or other governmental unit or agency providing funds for administration of the court as may be provided by law.

5. When filing is required the paper filed shall be entered in the proper minute book, and date of filing with fee, if any, noted on the paper.

6. When recording of a paper is required an accurate copy thereof shall be made of the complete content of the paper by entry at length in a record book in plain and legible handwriting or by printing or typewriting or photographic or microphotographic or other process or any combination thereof or by making a record in any other form or process which provides or will produce an accurate copy of the paper.

7. Records and papers which are sealed and withheld from public inspection as required by law or directed by the court shall thereafter be opened only to the extent as may be authorized by the court.

8. All books and records other than those sealed are open to inspection

of any person at reasonable times.

9. Records and papers relating to a proceeding and entered in the minute book shall be preserved as permanent records of the court, except as disposition is authorized by section 89 of the judiciary law.

§2502. Books to be kept by clerk.

The clerk shall keep and maintain:

1. A record book properly indexed in which shall be entered a description of every proceeding with proper entries under each denoting the papers filed, orders and decrees made and the steps taken therein, with the dates of filing and recording the several papers in the proceeding.

2. Such other record books, properly indexed, as may be necessary or convenient to record at length any documents required by law to be

recorded.

- 3. A court and trust fund register in which shall be entered a reference to any proceeding in which a decree or order directs a deposit of money, the date thereof, the amount thereof, the amount so deposited, any receipt therefor and the name of the person to and for whom the deposit is made.
- 4. A record book, properly indexed, with proper entries denoting the name and file number of the estate and the date of filing any informal account or any release pursuant to 2202.
- 5. Such other books as the chief administrator of the courts in each department or the court in each county may direct to be kept.

(Eff.7/18/90,Ch.623,L.1990)

§2503. What must be recorded.

(REPEALED, Eff.7/18/90,Ch.623,L.1990)

§2504. Wills to be retained after probate; exceptions.

1. A written will which has been admitted to probate must remain in the court, except where the will is on file in a court or public office of another state or country under the laws of which it cannot be removed.

2. When it appears that the laws of another jurisdiction require the production of an original will before the provisions thereof become effective in such jurisdiction the court may cause any original will on file in its office to be sent to any court which, or to any officer of such jurisdiction who, under the laws thereof, is empowered to receive the will for probate, or may deliver the will to any person interested in the probate thereof in such jurisdiction or to his fiduciary in such manner and upon such terms as it deems proper for the preservation of the will and the protection of other parties interested in the estate.

3. In the case of a joint will which has been admitted to probate in this state the court of such county may under such terms as it deems proper transmit the original joint will to the surrogate's court of any other county in this state for probate as the will of any other signer thereof. It shall be the duty of the court of such other county to keep a true copy thereof in its office and thereafter to return the original will to the surrogate's

court of the county of original probate.

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Nassau County Surrogate's Court CASE ACTIVITY REPORT

Case: 2

Date of Death:

decedent

Domicile:

Entered:

Certificate:

Last Changed:

Petition: PROBATE(1)

Activity Date

Description

Date Filed

Cert Para Probate Preliminary Cert Para Probate Testamentary

Petitioner

Oath and Designation

Fiduciary Probate

Waiver Waiver

Citation Returnable

Proof of Service

Proof of Service Proof of Service

Proof of Service

Proof of Service

Affidavit

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Calendar Markings

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Affidavit of Comparison

Will

Living Proof

Letter Date(Preliminary)

Order Date(Preliminary)



Decree Date Decree Date Letter Date

Additional Information















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Nassau County Surrogate's Court CASE ACTIVITY REPORT

(Probate)

Petition: PROBATE(2)

Description Date Filed Petitioner



Oath and Designation



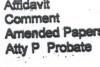
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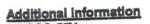
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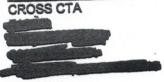






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Exhibit(A) Copy of Affidavit of Comparison Exhibit (B) Copy of Probate Decree