

KENT COUNTY PROBATE COURT
PETITION FOR ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS (MCL 700.3982)

If a decedent's estate consists of property valued at or less than the date-of-death small estate threshold, (see attached table) the Court may issue an order that a decedent's property be assigned in the following order:

1. To pay unpaid funeral and burial expenses or to reimburse the person that paid those expenses,
2. To the surviving spouse, if any, or
3. If there is no spouse, to the decedent's heirs.

The Petition and Order for Assignment (PC556) must be filled out completely, signed and dated. A copy of the death certificate, funeral and burial statement(s) and any receipts for funeral and burial expenses must also be attached.

Careful attention must be given to the list of names and the relationships of the heirs, i.e., children of a deceased heir are entitled to their parent's share. Completion of a Testimony to Identify Heirs ([PC565](#)) is not required but may assist you with identifying the proper heirs. The decedent must have been either a Kent County resident or a non-resident of Michigan who left property in Kent County.

CHECKLIST FOR PETITIONER

- The decedent was a Kent County resident or a non-resident of Michigan who left property in Kent County.
- Petition and Order for Assignment ([PC556](#)) is complete, signed and dated.
- Protected Personal Identifying Information ([MC97](#)) is attached.
- The total gross estate, less unpaid funeral or burial expenses and/or real property liens, does not exceed the date-of-death small estate threshold listed in the attached table. **Note:** Real property lien deductions may not exceed \$250,000 as adjusted annually for the cost of living in calculating the small estate threshold, however, if the date of death is on or after March 28, 2013, the total real property lien amount may be deducted in paragraph 3.
- A copy of the death certificate is attached.
- A copy of paid funeral and burial statement(s) are attached (with receipt indicating payor).
- Filing fee and inventory fee payable to Kent County Probate Court are enclosed:

Filing Fee	\$	25.00
Certified Copy Fee	\$	12.00
Inventory Fee	\$	_____

(Calculated based on Total Inventory Value in paragraph 3. Call the Court for the correct amount or use the inventory fee [calculator](#) online)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____



SMALL ESTATE THRESHOLD BY YEAR

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

