

**NOTICE OF  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
OF WILL AND  
APPOINTMENT OF  
PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE  
AND NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS**

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF DAKOTA  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
COURT FILE NO.  
19HA-PR-24-1085

Estate of  
Richard John Smith, aka  
Richard J. Smith,  
Decedent

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated June 22, 2022, and ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Kristen L. Berle, whose address is 15613 Judicial Road, Burnsville, Minnesota, 55306 and Elizabeth A. Buckeye, whose address is 16175 Creekwood Circle, Prior Lake, Minnesota, 55372, as co-personal representatives of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representatives must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

Dated: December 16, 2024  
/s/ Denise Dodge  
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Court Administrator  
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