

CCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2016-1

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IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW

OF

ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS

**Administrative Order Requiring the Use of the Court's Approved Form
for Small Estate Affidavits**

On this day, the Court finds there is need for an administrative order regarding the form to be used when a Small Estate Affidavit is filed in the County Court at Law of Orange County under Texas Estates Code Chapter 205.

The Court finds that the majority of the Small Estate Affidavits filed in Orange County do not provide all of the information the Code and the Court require. While approval of a Small Estate Affidavit is within the Court's discretion (see Estates Code §205.003), it wastes the resources of both the Court and the applicants for the Court to evaluate incomplete affidavits.

Therefore, the Court has approved a small affidavit form that, if completely and correctly filled out, includes all information necessary to enable the Court to determine whether the Court should approve a Small Estate Affidavit. This Small Estate Affidavit form is available in the Orange County Clerk's Office.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the County Court at Law will not approve any Small Estate Affidavits filed after October 1, 2016 unless the Court's approved form is used (or whatever modification of the approved form is made available in the future). The approved Small Estate Affidavit form is currently available in the Orange County Clerk's Office

Signed on September 27, 2016.

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ORANGE COUNTY CLERK

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Mandy White-Rogers, Presiding Judge