

Court Service Center

New Hampshire Probate Courts

Opening an Estate - Without a Will Date of Death on or after January 1, 2006

Items listed below are needed to start this type case:

- Petition for Estate Administration form (NHJB-2145-P)
- Heirs-at-Law - Estate Without Will form (NHJB-2151-P)
- Certified Copy of the Death Certificate

Other items that may be needed:

- Appointment of Resident Agent form (NHJB-2120-P) is needed if you are the person requesting to be Administrator and not a New Hampshire resident.
- Certification of Copies to Parties form (NHJB-2148-P)
- Fiduciary Bond form (NHJB-2137-P) is needed for Estates with a value of \$25,000.00 or less. The court will set the bond amount if the Estate value is over \$25,000.00.
- Photo identification may be required.

How much will this cost?

- Estate with a value of \$10,000.00 or less - **Total filing fee of \$90.00**
- Estate with a value of \$10,001.00 up to \$25,000.00 - Filing fee \$90.00 + Publication fee \$_____ = **Total filing fee of \$_____.**
- Estate with a value over \$25,000.00 - Filing fee of \$180.00 + Publication fee \$_____ = **Total filing fee of \$_____.**

What happens next?

- The court will set the bond amount if the estate value is over \$25,000.00. You will need to contact an insurance agency if a bond with sureties is required.
- A Certificate of Appointment will be issued after the court approves the bond.
- Inventory of Fiduciary form (NHJB-2125-P) must be filed within 90 days from the date you are appointed as Administrator.
- Executor/Administrator's Accounting form (NHJB-2117-P) must be filed within one year from the date you are appointed as Administrator. The Administrator must file this form each year the estate remains open.

**Forms and Instructions are available at any NH Probate Court
or at:**

www.courts.state.nh.us/probate