

Dear Citizen:

I have compiled an information packet to assist you in your duties under an Affidavit of Heir. Due to COVID-19 restrictions as to in-person meetings the packet normally given with your paperwork may have not been given to you and cannot be mailed due to its volume. Please visit the Salem County Surrogate's Court website for the informational literature. Enter in search engine: Salem County Surrogate
Surrogate.salemcountynj.gov

I hope the information is helpful, but please remember, nothing can replace the sound advice of an attorney and/or accountant when one has to deal with the more difficult areas of settling an estate.

Best wishes to you as we all navigate these difficult times.



NICKI A. BURKE, SURROGATE

Affidavit of Heir Informational Guide 3B:10-4

The following informational brochures are located in our pamphlet which would have been provided to you if you personally visited my office. If all estate paperwork has been completed via mail, please view the brochures, along with other helpful information, on my Salem County Surrogate's Court website located at surrogate.salemcountynj.gov or enter Surrogate of Salem County in your web browser.

Affidavit of Heir: _____ Affidavits of Heir signed by the Surrogate with the Surrogate's Court gold seal and raised stamp outlining the specific estate asset(s) for transfer. You will receive one Affidavit for each asset specified.

Present the signed and raised sealed Affidavit of Heir for the transfer of an asset. The presented Affidavit will be retained by whomever you have presented it to as evidence of your authority to act on behalf of the estate. Photocopies are not acceptable.

Asset limits for an Affidavit of Heir are as follows:

Date of Death is **ON OR AFTER 01/19/16:** \$20,000.00 LIMIT (eff. 01/19/16)

Date of Death is **01/18/16 OR BEFORE:** \$10,000.00 LIMIT (eff. 01/12/06)

Date of Death **prior to 01/12/06:** \$5,000 LIMIT

Receipt of Affidavit of Heir filing fee: Previously provided

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Receipt of Payment-other: _____

View on Salem County Surrogate's Court website:

- Important Information and Reminders
- Motor Vehicle Commission Information Page
- A Citizens Guide To Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Wills, Probate, and Estates
- Personal Records Handbook

View on New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission website:

- New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Information
www.state.nj.us/mvc/vehicles/transowner.htm

View on New Jersey Unclaimed Property website:

- New Jersey Unclaimed Property pamphlet
www.unclaimedproperty.nj.gov

Additional Assets located after completion of the original Affidavit of Heir

1. If you locate any additional assets after the completion of the original affidavit, you must contact the Salem Surrogate's Court to sign documents for a Supplemental Affidavit of Heir.
2. An Affidavit of Heir and Supplemental Affidavits cannot total more than \$20,000.00, \$10,000.00, \$5,000.00 - amount limit based on law existing at date of death as noted above. If the estate totals more than \$20,000/\$10,000/\$5,000 limits, an Administration will have to be completed.

I reference various pamphlets and literature to help with preparing your own estate matters. I hope the information is helpful, but, please remember, nothing can replace the sound advice of legal counsel when you are preparing the necessary documents of estate planning.