

TITLE 231. RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE
PART II. ORPHANS' COURT RULES
RULE 5.6 / 5.7 NOTICE

RULE 5.6 / 5.7 NOTICE TO BENEFICIARIES AND INTESTATE HEIRS

Requirement of notice. Within three (3) months after the grant of letter, the personal representative to whom original letters have been granted or the personal representatives counsel shall send a written notice of estate administration in the form set forth in Rule 5.7

- (1) every person, corporation, association, entity or other party named in decedents will as an outright beneficiary whether individually or as a class member;
- (2) the decedents spouse and children, whether or not they are named in, or have an interest under, the will;
- (3) where there is an intestacy in whole or in part, to every person entitled to inherit as an intestate heir under Chapter 21 of the Probate, Estate and Fiduciaries Code;
- (4) the appointed guardian of the estate, parent or legal custodian of any beneficiary who is a minor child under the age of eighteen (18) years;
- (5) the appointed guardian of the estate or, in the absence of such appointment, the institution or person with custody of any beneficiary who is an adjudicated incapacitate person;
- (6) the Attorney General on behalf of the charitable beneficiary whose interest exceeds \$25,000 or which will not be paid in full;
- (7) the Attorney General on behalf of any governmental beneficiary;
- (8) the trustee of any trust which is a beneficiary ; and
- (9) such other persons and in such manner as may be required by any local rule of court.

Definition of Beneficiary. A Beneficiary shall be deemed to include any person who may have an interest by virtue of the Pennsylvania anti-lapse statute, 20 Pa.C.S. Sec. 2514.

Manner of notice. Notice shall be given by personal service or by first-class, prepaid mail to each person and entity entitled to notice under subdivision (a)(1)--(9) whose address is known or reasonably available to the personal representative.

Certification of notice. Within ten (10) days after giving notice required by subdivision (a) of this Rule, the personal representative or the personal representatives counsel shall file with the Register of Clerk a certification in the form set forth in Rule 5.7(b) that notice has been given as required by this Rule. No fee shall be charged by the Register or Clerk for filing the certification required by this subdivision.

Failure to file certification. Upon the failure by the personal representative or the personal representatives counsel to file the certification on a timely basis, the Register shall, after ten (10) days prior written notice to the delinquent personal representative and his counsel, notify the Court of such delinquency.

Effect of notice. This Rule shall not alter, diminish or confer existing rights.

Copies of rule. The Register shall deliver a copy of Rules 5.6 and 5.7 to each personal representative and counsel at the time letters are granted.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
NOTICE OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION
THIS NOTICE DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE
ANY MONEY OR PROPERTY FROM THIS ESTATE OR OTHERWISE.

Whether you will receive any money or property will be determined wholly or partly by the decedent's will. If the decedent died without a will, whether you will receive any money or property will be determined by the intestacy laws of Pennsylvania

BEFORE THE REGISTER OF WILLS, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON PENNSYLVANIA

Estate of _____, deceased
Estate No. _____

TO: _____
(Beneficiary)

(Address)

Please take notice of the death of decedent and the grant of letters to the personal representative(s) named below.

Name of Decedent _____
Address _____
Date of Death _____ Place of Death _____
County of grant of letters _____

The Decedent died testate (with a Will) _____
The Decedent died intestate (without a Will) _____

The personal representative(s) of the decedent:

Name	Address	Telephone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

If the Decedent died testate/intestate, the Will/Petition for the Grant of Letters was filed with the office of

Register of Wills of Washington County
1 South Main Street, Suite 1002
Washington, PA 15301
(724) 228-6775

A Copy of the Will or Petition may be obtained by contacting the Register of Wills and paying the charges for duplication.

Date _____ Signature _____
Name _____
Address _____
Telephone () _____
Capacity: _____ Personal Representative
_____ Counsel For Personal Representative

THIS NOTICE TO BE PRESENTED TO ALL HEIRS

**CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE
UNDER PA SUPREME COURT RULE 5.6 & 5.7**

Deceased _____
A/K/A _____ Estate No: 63 - _____

Date of Death: _____

To the Register of Wills of Washington County:

I certify that Notice of Estate Administration required by Rule 5.6 and 5.7 of the PA SC Orphans Court Rules was served on or mailed to the following beneficiaries of the above-captioned estate on _____.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Notice has now been given to all persons entitled thereto under Rule 5.6 and 5.7 except:

Date: _____ Signature _____
Name _____
(Please Type or Print)
Address _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Capacity: _____ Personal Representative
_____ Counsel for Personal Representative