

**LUMMI TRIBAL COURT
LUMMI NATION, WASHINGTON**

IN RE THE ESTATE OF:

Case No.: _____ CVPB _____

Deceased

PETITION FOR PROBATE - NO WILL

I, _____, request that the Court probate the estate of the above-named person ("Decedent"). In support of this Petition, I state as follows:

I. DECEDENT

The Decedent died on ____/____/____.

II. ABSENCE OF WILL

I have not located a will left by the Decedent left a will. I have made the following efforts to determine if there is a will: _____

III. JURISDICTION OF THE LUMMI TRIBAL COURT

Pursuant to LCL 35.03.010, the Lummi Tribal Court has jurisdiction over the Decedent's estate because (*check all that are applicable*):

A. Tribal Status Requirement

☐ The Decedent is a member of the Lummi Nation, with enrollment #: _____

☐ The Decedent is eligible for enrollment as a member of the Lummi Nation because: _____

☐ The Decedent is a member of, or eligible to be a member of the following federally recognized Indian Tribe: _____

☐ The Decedent is otherwise an "Indian" as defined in the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004, because: _____

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B. Property Status Requirement

☐ The Decedent had an interest in real estate located within the Lummi Indian Reservation (*All interests and estates in land, including leasehold interests and improvements to land such as houses or other buildings which have been affixed to the land. See LCL 35.020.010 whether a mobile or modular home is “real estate” or “personal property.”*)

☐ The Decedent had an interest in personal property (*any property that is not included in the definition of “real estate”*) located within the Lummi Indian Reservation and the Decedent was domiciled on the Lummi Indian Reservation. (*See Section IV for explanation of term “domicile.”*)

IV. DOMICILE

At the time of death, the Decedent was domiciled at _____

which is ☐ on the Lummi Reservation ☐ off of the Lummi Reservation.

(*“Domicile” means the physical place where the person lives with the intent to remain, or if the person leaves for a temporary period, the physical place to which the person intends to return. In the absence of proof of domicile in another location, it is presumed that an enrolled member of the Lummi Nation is domiciled within the Reservation*)

V. SURVIVING FAMILY

To the best of the Petitioner’s knowledge, the following are the surviving members of the Decedent’s family (*spouse, children including adopted children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, siblings, nieces and nephews, first cousins*):

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1 VI. DECEDENT'S PROPERTY

2 The following is a general description of all property belonging to the Decedent (*add pages as*
3 *needed*):

4 A. PROPERTY NOT SUBJECT TO PROBATE:

5 1. The Decedent ☐ does not ☐ does have an interest in trust or restricted land (*title is*
6 *held in trust or restricted fee status by the United States for the benefit of a member of a*
7 *federally recognized Indian tribe or a tribe.*) If so, describe interest:

8 2. (*If Decedent not domiciled on the Lummi Reservation.*) Personal Property:

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10 3. ☐ Decedent had ceremonial regalia, sacred objects, Indian finery, and Indian artifacts.
11 This kind of property cannot be distributed by the Court and is to be distributed according to
12 LCL 35.03.040.

13 B. PROPERTY SUBJECT TO PROBATE

14 A. Real Property, other than trust or restricted property:

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18 B. (*If Decedent is domiciled on the Lummi Reservation.*) Personal Property:

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22 VII. OTHER PROBATE PROCEEDINGS

23 ☐ There are no probate proceedings pending in any other jurisdiction.

24 ☐ Another probate proceeding has been filed in _____ Court.

1 The Personal Representative is _____
2 at address: _____

3 **IX. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

4 I am willing and qualified under LCL 35.07.020 and .030 to act as Decedent's Personal
5 Representative. I am not a corporation and I am over the age of 18, of sound mind, and have not
6 been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

7 I have the following relationship with the Decedent:

- 8 ☐ surviving spouse, or a person requested by the surviving spouse to be appointed
9 ☐ next of kin:
10 ☐ child
11 ☐ parent
12 ☐ sibling
13 ☐ grandchild
14 ☐ nephew or niece

15 **WHEREFORE**, I request that this Court:

- 16 1. Find that the Decedent died without a valid will.
17 2. Appoint me to act as Personal Representative for the Decedent's estate and issue Letters of
18 Administration.

19 **DECLARATION**

20 I declare under penalty of perjury under all applicable civil and criminal laws that 1) I have read
21 this Petition or it has been read to me; and 2) I understand the contents of the Petition and believe
22 the contents to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, formed
23 after reasonable inquiry. Below is the address at which I can receive all legal documents, and I
24 understand I have the duty to update this address with the court if it changes.

25 Dated: _____

Signature of Petitioner

Print or Type Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone Number