

OPENING A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COURT IS NOT ALLOWED TO GIVE LEGAL ADVICE OR HELP YOU FILL OUT THESE FORMS. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, YOU MAY WISH YOU CONTACT AN ATTORNEY.

Whenever it appears to the court by petition of an interested person that a safe deposit box located in this county may contain a Will and/or a deed to burial plot of a decedent, the court may issue an order directing the institution to permit the person named in the order to examine the safe deposit box in the presence of an officer or other authorized employee of the institution. If a paper proportioning to be a Will of the decedent or a deed to a burial plot is found in the box, the person named in the order shall deliver the Will and/or deed to this court within 7 days. The court shall furnish a receipt to the person named in the order. An item contained in the safe deposit box other than the Will or deed shall not be removed from the safe deposit box. At the time of the opening of the safe deposit box, all individuals in attendance shall execute a written statement (PC 552) certifying whether a Will or deed to a burial plot is found and that no other items are removed.

DOCUMENTS AND FEES REQUIRED TO FILE A PETITION:

- PETITION AND ORDER TO OPEN SAFE DEPOSIT BOX (PC 551)
- PROPOSED SAFE DEPOSIT BOX/CERTIFICATE AND RECEIPT (PC 552)
- COPY OF DEATH CERTIFICATE
- \$10.00** FILING FEE DUE AT THE TIME OF FILING ACCORDING TO THE PROBATE COURT FEE SCHEDULE.
- \$11.00** CERTIFIED COPY FEE ACCORDING TO THE PROBATE COURT FEE SCHEDULE.

These forms and additional SCAO approved forms are available and can be viewed, printed, and completed at:

<https://www.courts.michigan.gov/SCAO-forms/Estates-Trusts/>

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF _____	PETITION AND ORDER TO OPEN SAFE-DEPOSIT BOX TO LOCATE WILL OR BURIAL DEED	FILE NO. _____
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USE NOTE: File this petition in the county where the safe-deposit box is located.

Estate of _____

PETITION

- I, _____, am interested in the decedent's estate and make this
Name
 petition as _____.
Relationship to decedent, i.e. heir, devisee, etc.
- Decedent died _____, domiciled in _____.
Date County and state or other jurisdiction
- _____, as lessor, leased to decedent, alone or jointly, safe-
Name of bank, trust company, or safe-deposit company
 deposit box number _____, located at _____ in _____ in this
Branch City or township
 county, and the safe-deposit box may contain decedent's will and/or a deed to a burial plot in which the decedent is to be interred.
- I REQUEST** that this court issue an order directing the lessor to permit _____
Name
 to examine the contents of the safe-deposit box in the presence of an officer or other authorized employee of lessor for the purpose of locating and removing a will and/or a deed to a burial plot only.

I declare under the penalties of perjury that this petition has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

_____ Attorney signature _____ Name (type or print) Bar no. _____ Address _____ City, state, zip Telephone no.	_____ Date _____ Petitioner signature _____ Name (type or print) _____ Address _____ City, state, zip Telephone no.
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ORDER

- IT IS ORDERED:**
- The above petition is granted and the lessor is ordered to permit _____
 to examine the safe-deposit box described above in the presence of an officer or other authorized employee of the lessor. Only a will of the decedent and/or a deed to a burial plot shall be removed from the box and shall be delivered by the person named above to the probate register or deputy register of this court.
 - At the time of the opening of the safe-deposit box, all persons in attendance shall execute a written statement certifying whether a will and/or a deed to a burial plot was found and that no other items were removed from the safe-deposit box. The person named above shall file that written statement with the probate register or deputy register of this court within 7 days of opening the box. If no safe-deposit box is located, the person named above shall file a written statement indicating that no box was found.

_____	_____
Date	Judge Bar no.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF _____	SAFE-DEPOSIT BOX CERTIFICATE AND RECEIPT	FILE NO. _____
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Estate of _____

CERTIFICATE

1. The undersigned certify that they were present on this date at the opening of the safe-deposit box number _____ located in _____, and
Name of bank, trust or safe-deposit company
- a. they did find a will of the decedent;
 did not
- b. they did find a deed to a burial plot in which decedent is to be buried;
 did not
- c. no item or items, other than the deed or will, were removed from the safe-deposit box.
2. No safe-deposit box was located.

Date

Signatures of others present, if any:

Signature of person named in order to examine contents of box

Signature

Signature of bank officer or authorized employee

Signature

REGISTER'S RECEIPT

3. I acknowledge receipt from _____
Name of person given authority by court order to examine contents of box
- of the following items:
- a. will of the decedent.
- b. burial plot deed.

Date

Deputy probate register

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