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MSBA PROBATE & TRUST LAW SECTION E-NEWSLETTER

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Call for Submissions

We are always looking for attorneys to write brief articles for this newsletter. Articles can focus on any issues relevant to probate and trust law. This newsletter is distributed to the Probate and Trust Law Section membership, which consists of approximately 1,090 practitioners. Writing for the newsletter is a great way to share your knowledge and expertise with your colleagues.

If you are interested in submitting an article, please contact Jess Geisler (jess@geislerlaw.com) or Emma Maddy (emma.maddy@stinson.com) with your idea.

Please visit the Section's website for ideas and to see the various articles that have been written in the past.

Best Regards,

Probate & Trust Newsletter Editors

Upcoming Events and CLE Programs

- Greater MN Probate & Trust Study Group Conference Call
 - o Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 9 a.m. (the 3rd Wednesday of every month)
 - o Call-in Number: (800) 406-9170 passcode: 1491722
 - o Contact JoEllen Doebbert (320-763-7838) with any questions or to join the group.
- MSBA Probate & Trust Law Section Meeting
 - o February 16, 2017 at 3:30pm
 - o Location: MSBA Office in City Center, Minneapolis
- Please keep an eye out for additional information on these upcoming CLEs.
 - o MSBA CLEs:
 - February 14: When Family Love Turns to Family Feud
 - March: Valuation Discounts and Section 2704
 - o CLEs from other sources:
 - Minnesota CLE:
 - June 12: <u>2017 Probate & Trust Law Section Conference</u>

Case Law Update

There are no cases to report this month.

Federal & Minnesota State Tax Update

No report.

Tech Tip

How to find "practicelaw" documents

By: Richard Baum, solo practitioner in Eagan, and technology chair for the Probate and Trust Section

One question that comes up is how to find the practicelaw forms. These documents are an MSBA member benefit, which requires a user name and password to access. There are a couple of ways to get to these documents, and this tip will show you one way.



1. On mnbar.org, select "practicelaw" from the "Practice Tools" menu



- 2. Enter your name and password
- 3. Click "Log In" (this assumes you are not already logged into mnbar.org)



4. Click on the "View Documents" link



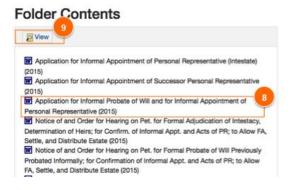
5. You will be presented with two columns. The left column has folders, and the right column will display the contents for the selected folder. The folder contents can be Word documents, links to web pages, or more folders.



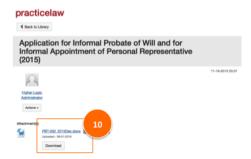
6. Sub-folders are displayed when you click on the arrow to the left of the main folder



7. Click on the sub-folder . . .



- 8. . . . and its contents will be displayed in the right column
- 9. Click on the document you want to view/download, then click on "View"



10. To download (and then view) the document, click on either the document link or the "Download" button. NOTE: Most browsers default to saving downloaded documents to the "Downloads" folder. If you are not familiar with the download folder on your computer, then you should write down the form number or name so you can search for the document on your computer once the download is complete.

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