

Filing a decedent's estate?

As of 1/01/2024, Michigan Court Rule 5.302 requires the petitioner or applicant who is probating an estate to file TWO copies of the death certificate. One of the copies must have all protected personal identifying information redacted from the death certificate. This includes the date of birth and social security number of the decedent. The unredacted copy must be maintained by the court as nonpublic.

Additionally, if you are filing a will or wills as part of probating an estate, and the will contains protected personal identifying information, you must provide the will being filed for probate and a copy that has protected personal identifying information redacted. The unredacted version of the will must be maintained by the court as nonpublic.

Protected personal identifying information includes: date of birth, social security number, financial account numbers, and passport number or driver's license/state ID numbers.