

IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF KANSAS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022- 04

Re: Death of Donna M. Manning

Now on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022, the Court has been duly advised of that Kansas attorney Donna M. Manning, Kansas Bar Number 10908, died on February 25, 2022. There is a need to appoint an attorney to protect the interests of her clients. Wherefore, the Court hereby appoints Donald Scott Smith, Kansas Bar Number #11756, pursuant to Kansas Supreme Court Rule 235 (2021 Kan. S. Ct. R. 235) (formerly Supreme Court Rule 221) to review and inventory the attorney's client files and the attorney's trust account and take such action, including the distribution of funds, as may be necessary to protect the interests of the attorney or his clients.

Donald Scott Smith is authorized to seek orders to gain access to premises or accounts as deemed necessary to give effect to this order. The immunity set forth in Supreme Court Rule 238 (2021 Kan. S. Ct. R. 238) (formerly Supreme Court Rule 223) shall be afforded to Donald Scott Smith in the performance of the responsibilities set forth in this order. Donald Scott Smith is further authorized to access the attorney's trust account and to take any action deemed necessary to protect the interests of the clients.

Donald Scott Smith is authorized to delegate various legal duties to other attorneys **with the** approval of the client and/or the Court. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 235(b), the attorneys shall not disclose any information in the client files except as necessary to carry out the order of this Court.

IT IS SO **ORDERED** on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

*/s/ J. Charles Droege*  
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J. CHARLES DROEGE  
Chief Judge, Tenth Judicial District