

AFFIDAVIT OF DECEDENT'S SUCCESSOR

[PC 598, Affidavit of Decedent's Successor for Delivery of Certain Assets Owned by Decedent](#)

Small Estate Affidavit (Transfer by Affidavit)

Under Michigan Compiled Laws § 700.3983, estates below the small estate threshold can use an **Affidavit of Decedent's Successor** (Form PC 598) instead of filing a full probate case. This is the form you're looking for.

Key Requirements:

- **28-day waiting period** after the decedent's death
- **No real property** (houses, land) in the estate
- Gross estate value must be under Michigan's small estate threshold (sources vary on the exact amount—some indicate around \$53,000 for personal property, though this figure may have been adjusted)
- Funeral and burial expenses are deducted first when calculating the estate value
- Form must be notarized

How It Works:

Instead of filing with the court, you complete and notarize the affidavit, then present it along with a death certificate directly to asset holders (banks, insurance companies, etc.) to transfer ownership.

Alternative Option:

Kent County Probate Court also mentions a **Petition for Assignment (Form PC 556)** that can be filed with the court for small estates that meet the requirements.

Important Note: Threshold amounts for small estates can change, and specific circumstances matter. Since you're a retired attorney, you'll want to verify the current dollar threshold and confirm eligibility based on the specific assets involved. I'd recommend checking directly with:

- Michigan Courts official forms (<https://www.courts.michigan.gov>)
- Your local probate court
- Or the Michigan State Bar resources