

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF KANSAS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-08

Re: Death of William W. Sneed

NOW ON this 19th date of August 2022, the court has been duly advised of facts demonstrating that Kansas attorney William W. Sneed, Kansas Bar Number 10630, of Topeka, Kansas, has died and that there is a need for the appointment of an attorney to protect the interests of his clients.


Wherefore, the court appoints Blaine Finch, Kansas Bar Number 20968, pursuant to Rule 235 (2022 Kan. S. Ct. R. at 308) 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.

Blaine Finch 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 Rule 238 (2022 Kan. S. Ct. R. at 312) shall be afforded to Blaine Finch in the performance of the responsibilities set forth in this order. Blaine Finch is further authorized to access the attorney's trust account and to take any action deemed to be necessary to protect the interests of the clients.

Blaine Finch is authorized to delegate various legal duties to other attorneys with the approval of the client and/or the court. Pursuant to Rule 235(b) (2022 Kan. S. Ct. R. at 308), the attorneys shall not disclose any information contained in the client files except as necessary to carry out the order of the court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this the 19th day of August, 2022.


Chief Judge Steven R. Ebberts
Third Judicial District