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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of KANELLOS)
D. CHARALAMPOUS, deceased.)

Case No. PB-2024-19

ORDER TO PROBATE WILL AND APPOINTING PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

This matter comes before the Court on the Petition for Admission of Will to Probate, for Appointment of a Personal Representative, for Issuance of Letters Testamentary, and for a Judicial Determination of the Death and Heirs, Legatees, and Devisee of Kanellos D. Charalampous (the "Petition"), filed on February 9, 2024.

1. The Petition was filed on February 9, 2024 by Petitioner Constantine Charalampous ("Constantine"), the son of Decedent Kanellos D. Charalampous ("Decedent"). In the Petition, Constantine sought admission to probate of a will Decedent executed in 2016 (the "Will") and sought an order appointing him and his brother, Phillip Charalampous (Constantine and Phillip are collectively referred to herein as "Sons"), as Co-Personal Representatives over Decedent's Estate.

2. The Petition alleged that Decedent was a resident of McClain County, Oklahoma. The Petition also noted the existence of allegations that Decedent had executed a new will in 2022 ("2022 Will"), over a year after Decedent had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and dementia and been declared incompetent by his neurologist. The Petition alleged that this 2022 Will, if it was signed at all, is unenforceable and the result of fraud and undue influence.

3. A hearing on the Petition was set for March 14, 2024. Notice was given to all devisees under the Will, as well as to Stephen Mendel—a Houston attorney who Sons, had been made aware, was alleged to have drafted the 2022 Will. Notice was additionally published in the Purcell Register on February 15, 2024 and February 22, 2024.

4. At the request of an attorney representing Mendel, the March 14, 2024 hearing was continued until April 25, 2024. Notice of the continued hearing was again given and was published in the Purcell Register on March 21, 2024 and March 28, 2024.

5. On April 24, 2024, Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Christian University ("Colleges")—who claimed to be indirect beneficiaries under Mendel's purported 2022 Will—intervened. Colleges filed an Objection to the Petition ("Colleges' Objection") and also what they styled as a Conditional Petition for Probate of Will, for Appointment of Personal Representative, and for Determination of Identities of Heirs, Legatees and Devisees ("Colleges' Conditional Petition"), in which Colleges sought to probate the purported 2022 Will.

6. On August 5, 2024, Constantine was appointed by this Court as Special Administrator of Decedent's Estate.

7. On May 7, 2025, Colleges withdrew Colleges' Objection and dismissed Colleges' Conditional Petition.

8. No parties other than Colleges have appeared in this matter or otherwise responded to the multiple notices and publications relating to the Decedent's Estate and Will.

WHEREFORE, the Court FINDS, ADJUDGES, and DECREES as follows:

1. Notice was properly given to all interested parties and published with the appropriate paper of record in February and March of 2024.


2. No parties other than Colleges have stated any objection to the probate of the Will or any of the other relief sought in the Petition, and Colleges have since withdrawn their Objection and Conditional Petition.

3. Notice having been given, and no objection remaining of record, the Will should be, and is hereby, admitted to probate.

4. Constantine and Phillip Charalampous should be, and are hereby, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of Decedent's Estate.

5. As alleged in the Petition, Decedent died a resident of McClain County, Oklahoma.

6. As alleged in the Petition, the 2022 Will if it was signed at all, is unenforceable and the result of fraud and undue influence.


HONORABLE CHARLES GRAY
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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