

Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles

Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

EX PARTE PETITION FOR COURT ORDER TO RELEASE REMAINS OF A DECEDENT

Once you have completed this form, you may file it at the Probate Filing Window in Room 429. The cost for filing is \$60.00. If you are unable to pay the filing fee, you may ask for a Fee Waiver by completing and filing the Fee Waiver Application, FW-001, along with your Ex Parte Petition for Court Order to Release the Remains of a Decedent. You may obtain a copy of this Petition online at www.lasuperiorcourt.org. Click forms under the Probate heading.

About this Petition

This Petition may be used to request the remains of a Decedent. The Order that you may receive after you file this petition can be used to obtain the remains from a hospital or mortuary. The Order for Release of Remains of a Decedent may be required by the coroner's office before they will release a body to a non-family member of a decedent or to a person who is not the closest known relative. This Petition does not contain any request to administer the estate of decedent.

The following forms are required:

PRO 017 Ex Parte Petition for Court Order to Release the Remains of a Decedent

PRO 018 Ex Parte Order for Release of the Remains of a Decedent

PRO 010 Probate Case Cover Sheet

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Write your name and address in the box in the top left corner. Write the name of the person who passed away in the box that reads, "Matter of _____."

Complete the rest of the form with the requested information. Be as detailed as possible. In most cases, you will not get to see the judge so you must give him/her the information he/she needs to make the Court order by completing this form.

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Leave the information in item #1 blank.

Complete the information in items #2 and #3.

Once you are finished, make a copy of both documents and file them in Room 429. Once you file, you will get a case number and hearing date.

If you need additional help, you may contact the Los Angeles County Bar Association at (213) 243-1525 for attorney referrals.