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Hearing Date for Hearing On the Merits: December 1, 2021

Notice of Mediation Filed In the Alternative

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR KING COUNTY

IN RE THE ESTATE OF KENNETH G. DEBOER, deceased,

DALYNNE SINGLETON, Administrator of the Estate of Kenneth G. deBoer,

Petitioner,

v.

KRISTA (SUZANN) DEBOER, a single person,

Respondent.

NO. 21-4-07469-7 SEA

VERIFIED TEDRA PETITION FOR ACCOUNTING, CONTRIBUTION, UNJUST ENRICHMENT, CONVERSION, DECLARATORY JUDGMENT, RELIEF UNDER VOIDABLE TRANSFER ACT, AND AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS TO PETITIONER

**RCW 11.96A** 

COMES NOW Administrator, DALYNNE SINGLETON ("Administrator" or "Petitioner") and sets forth the following in support of this Verified TEDRA Petition For Accounting, Contribution, Unjust Enrichment, Conversion, Declaratory Judgment, Relief Under Voidable Transfer Act and Award of Attorneys' Fees and Costs to Petitioner ("Petition"), pursuant to RCW 11.96A, RCW 11.18.200, RCW 11.48.010, RCW 11.76.110, RCW 11.10.010, and RCW 11.10.040.

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### I. INTRODUCTION AND RELIEF REQUESTED

1.1 Kenneth G. deBoer, decedent ("Decedent"), died on October 11, 2019 ("DOD"). Decedent was not married, died without a Will and left one adult child surviving him. On September 15, 2021, Petitioner was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Kenneth G. DeBoer ("Estate") in the King County Superior Court Cause No. 21-4-06323-7 SEA ("Probate"). Letters of Administration were issued to Dalynne Singleton, Administrator, on September 15, 2021.

Pursuant to this Petition, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court enter Order(s) directing Krista (Suzann) DeBoer ("Respondent") to prepare and provide, to Petitioner, an accounting with respect to the Property (defined below) and any non-probate and probate assets of the Estate that are in possession and/or control of the Respondent, and for contribution and satisfaction from Respondent, pursuant to RCW 11.18.200, RCW 11.48,010, RCW 11.10.010, RCW 11.10.040, and RCW 11.96A.080, and for other and further relief as requested herein.

### II. JURISDICTION, VENUE, STANDING, AND NOTICE

2.1 A party may obtain a declaration of rights or legal relations with respect to any matter subject to the Washington Trust and Estate Dispute Resolution Act, codified at RCW 11.96A.010, et seq. ("TEDRA") jurisdiction. A judicial proceeding under TEDRA may be commenced as a new action or as an action incidental to a judicial proceeding relating to the same trust or estate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> RCW 11.96A.080(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> RCW 11.96A.090.

- 2.2 Unless the rules of this Court or TEDRA require otherwise, or unless the Court orders otherwise, a judicial proceeding under TEDRA is commenced by filing a Petition with the Court.<sup>3</sup> Testimony of witnesses may be by affidavit. *Id.* Unless requested by a party in a Petition or Answer, the initial hearing must be a hearing on the merits to resolve all issues of fact and law. *Id.* TEDRA further provides that any party may move the Court for an order relating to a procedural matter, including discovery, and for summary judgment, in the original petition... or at any other time..." *Id.*
- 2.3 <u>Jurisdiction</u>. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to RCW 11.96A.020(1)(a), RCW 11.96A.040, RCW 11.96A.080, RCW 7.24.010 et seq., and its plenary powers. TEDRA sets forth provisions for resolving trust and estate disputes through mediation and arbitration.<sup>4</sup> The intent of RCW 11.96A.260 through 11.96A.320 is to provide for the efficient settlement of disputes in trust, estate, and nonprobate matters through mediation and arbitration by providing any party the right to proceed first with mediation and then arbitration before formal judicial procedures may be utilized.<sup>5</sup> The Mediation procedure in TEDRA is described in RCW 11.96A.300. If this matter is not resolved at the Hearing on the Merits, Petitioner herein concurrently files her Notice of Mediation pursuant to RCW 11.96A.300 as an alternate means of resolution.
- 2.4 <u>Venue</u>. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to RCW 11.96A.050(4), as the Decedent was a resident of Snohomish County, Washington, at the time of his death, King County, Washington is Petitioner's venue of choice, as the Letters of Administration have

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> RCW 11.96A.100.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See RCW 11.96A.260.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See RCW 11.96A.270

been granted in King County. The Property (defined below) is located in Snohomish County, Washington.

- 2.5 <u>Standing</u>. Any party may have a judicial proceeding for the declaration of rights or legal relations with respect to any matter as defined in RCW 11.96A.030 for the resolution of any other case or controversy that arises under RCW and Title 11. The definition of "Party" under TEDRA is extremely broad and includes persons who have an interest in the subject proceeding including the personal representative, administrator, a creditor and any other person who has an interest in the proceeding. *See* RCW 11.96A.030(5). This includes a person receiving real property through a Transfer on Death Deed. *See* RCW 11.96A.030(5)(e). When used in RCW Title 11, the term "Administrator" may be used in lieu of "personal representative" wherever required by context. RCW 11.02.005(1).
- Notice. Pursuant to RCW 11.96A.110 and Civil Rule 6(e), Petitioner mailed by first class US Mail, postage prepaid, a copy of the Summons, pursuant to RCW 11.96A.100(3) and along with a copy of this Petition with Exhibits and Notice of Mediation to the adult child of the Decedent, Krista (Suzann) DeBoer (i.e. Respondent) to the residential address of Krista (Suzann) DeBoer, 1420 Ridgeway St., Oceanside, CA 92054, believed to be the current address of Respondent. Respondent is the only surviving child of the Decedent. Upon information and belief, Respondent is currently not represented by counsel although she is an environmental attorney in California practicing law.

### III. PERSONS INTERESTED IN KENNETH G. DEBOER'S ESTATE

3.1 The persons interested in the Estate of Kenneth G. deBoer pursuant to RCW 11.96A.030(6) are:

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1420 Ridgeway St. Daughter Krista (Suzann) deBoer Oceanside, CA 92054 McCarthy & Holthus LLP Attorney for Fannie Mae Joseph Ward McIntosh 108 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S., Ste. 300 (defined below) Seattle, WA 98104 Williams Kastner & Gibbs Attorney(s) for ACIC Paul K. Friedrich (defined below) PLLC 601 Union Street, Ste 4100 Seattle, WA 98101

#### IV. NOTICE OF MEDIATION

- 4.1 Notice of Mediation has been filed with the Court pursuant to RCW 11.96A.300. This matter is subject to mediation by service of written notice of mediation on all parties after hearing has been set on this Petition. RCW 11.96A.300 (3) provides for hearing on the merits and setting mediation if matter is not resolved at hearing:
  - (3) Procedure when notice of mediation served after hearing set. If the written notice of mediation required in subsection (1)(b) of this section is timely filed and served by a party and another party objects to mediation, by petition or orally at the hearing, the court shall order that mediation proceed except for good cause shown. Such order shall not be subject to appeal or revision. If the court determines that the matter should not be subject to mediation, the court shall dispose of the matter by: (a) Deciding the matter at that hearing, (b) requiring arbitration, or (c) directing other judicial proceedings.

Petitioner's list of proposed acceptable mediators is listed in the Notice of Mediation to be filed concurrently with the TEDRA Petition along with hearing on the merits notice.

4.2 Discovery shall be allowed pursuant to RCW 11.96A.115 unless this matter is decided at the hearing on the merits. Petitioner herein has shown good cause to conduct discovery and have determination of the issues remaining in the Estate. Discovery should include but not limited to, Interrogatories, Requests for Production, Deposition(s) and as the Court orders.

#### V. STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 5.1 **Decedent** died on October 11, 2019 ("**DOD**"). Decedent was not married, died without a Will and left one adult child, Respondent, surviving him. On September 15, 2021, Petitioner was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Kenneth G. DeBoer ("**Estate**") in the King County Superior Court Cause No. 21-4-06323-7 SEA ("**Probate**") and received Letters of Administration, issued on September 15, 2021.
- 5.2 Decedent was the record fee title owner of real property located at 2627 116<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Marysville, WA 98271 ("**Property**"). Upon information and belief, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of Decedent's Pre-BLA (see below) Statutory Warranty Deed with respect to the Property ("**Decedent's Deed**"). The Decedent's Deed is dated February 27, 1991 and recorded on March 12, 1991 in Snohomish County real property records under the Recording No. 9103120236. Upon information and belief, in approximately 2000, the Property was subdivided, through a boundary line adjustment ("**BLA**), into two parcels, Snohomish County Assessor's Parcel No. ("**APN**") 006025-001-001-03 ("**Parcel 1**") and APN 006025-001-001-04 ("**Parcel 2**"). Immediately prior to DOD, Decedent was the record title owner of Parcel 1. On DOD, Parcel 1 was conveyed, from Decedent to Respondent, by way of the Revocable Transfer on Death Deed dated February 22, 2019 and recorded on February 22, 2019 in Snohomish County real property records under the Recording No. 201902220233 ("**TOD**"). Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a true and correct copy of the TOD.
- 5.3 Decedent is a named defendant in a civil litigation suit filed by Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") in Snohomish County Superior Court

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Cause No. 16-2-20072-31 ("Litigation"). Upon information and belief, the only known claim(s) against the Estate are by the creditor(s) who have a judgment or lien against the Decedent's Property which real property value exceeds \$271,300. The Respondent agreed to have the Property appraised which appraisal may be available before hearing on the merits. The Petitioner has requested a market analysis of the property by a licensed Realtor and will provide to the Court and all parties prior to the hearing on the merits.

All debts of the Decedent have not been paid. Upon information and belief, the Property identified herein was titled in Decedent and available to cover the claim(s) against the Estate. Upon information and belief, the Estate is solvent, because it is anticipated that the value of the Estate's assets exceeds the value of the claim(s) against the Estate.

5.4 On October 25, 2012, the Court entered an Order of Default and Judgment against Decedent in Snohomish County Superior Court Cause No. 12-2-08707-3 (American Contractors Indemnity Company, a California corporation v. Kenneth deBoer et al.) in the principal amount of \$18,805.00 ("Judgment"). This Judgment was taken as a result of Pierce County Superior Court litigation filed in Cause No. 08-2-13031-8 against Decedent as a contractor in the name of his sole proprietorship licensed contractor name of All Build Construction.<sup>7</sup>

On November 7, 2012, the default Judgment was recorded in Snohomish County real property records under the Recording No. 201211070113. The Judgment was entered in favor of the American Contractors Indemnity Company, a California corporation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Exhibit H Stipulation and Order consolidating cases (ACIC).

("ACIC" or "Judgment Creditor") based on payment on Decedent's bond payment in the amount of \$12,000.00. ACIC has filed its Creditor Claim in the Estate on October 7, 2021 in the amount of \$39,003.12 which includes interest, attorney fees and underlying principal amount of judgment.<sup>8</sup>

- 5.5 After conducting her reasonable, applicable, and appropriate due diligence, the Administrator mailed, on September 22, 2021 and October 5, 2021, the Notice to Creditors to Alexander Friedrich ("A. Friedrich") and the State Washington Department of Social and Health Services, Office of Financial Recovery ("DSHS"), respectively. Upon information and belief, Joseph Ward McIntosh ("McIntosh"), Fannie Mae's counsel, filed FNMA Claim (defined below) in Probate and submitted same, on behalf of FNMA, to the Administrator on September 20, 2021, prior to the Administrator's mailing the Notice to Creditors, on or about September 22, 2021.
- 5.6 The statute of limitations with regard to filing creditor claim(s) in the Estate/Probate expired on October 11, 2021, two years from DOD.<sup>9</sup>
- 5.7 On September 20, 2021, McIntosh timely submitted to Administrator on behalf of FNMA and filed in Probate, Fannie Mae's Creditor Claim dated September 20, 2021 ("FNMA Claim"). Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of the FNMA Claim. Said FNMA Claim was accepted/allowed by Administrator on September 22, 2021 after review and confirmation of debt, which was acknowledged by Decedent during his lifetime in the FNMA litigation. Attached hereto as Exhibit F is a true and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Exhibit D: Creditor Claim of ACIC

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See RCW 11.40.051(1)(c) and (3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See Exhibit E: Decl. of Kenneth G. DeBoer dated November 15, 2018 (FNMA litigation).

correct copy of the Administrator's allowance of FNMA Claim ("Allowance of FNMA Claim").

5.8 On October 7, 2021, Attorney Paul K. Friedrich ("P. Friedrich") submitted to Administrator and filed in Probate, ACIC's Creditor Claim dated October 7, 2021 with respect to the Judgment ("ACIC Claim"). Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of the ACIC Claim. Upon information and belief, P. Friedrich is ACIC's counsel with respect to the ACIC Claim. According to ACIC Claim, ACIC's creditor principal claim against the Estate is in the amount of \$18,805.00, plus interest at 12% per annum from October 25, 2012 through October 5, 2021, in the amount of \$20,198.12, and applicable post-judgment attorney's fees and costs. See Exhibit D. An Amended Allowance of ACIC Claim was filed on October 26, 2021 ("Allowance of ACIC Claim") and mailed / emailed to ACIC, P. Friedrich, and Krista deBoer (i.e. Respondent). Attached hereto as Exhibit I is a true and correct copy of the Amended Allowance of ACIC Claim.

5.9 At his death, Decedent was indebted (i.e. liquidated portion of FNMA Claim) to Fannie Mae, a successor in interest to Homestreet Bank ("Homestreet"), in the amount of \$235,291.04. The unliquidated portion of FNMA Claim is described in FNMA Claim. See Exhibit C. Decedent admitted to taking out a loan (and defaulting on said loan), that is the subject of FNMA Claim. Also, Decedent, through counsel at NW Justice Project, answered Fannie Mae's First Amended Complaint in Litigation, agreeing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See Declaration of Kenneth G. DeBoer dated November 15, 2018, and filed in the Litigation, attached hereto as **Exhibit E** ("**Decedent's Decl.**").

to the debt and default that is the subject of FNMA Claim. See Exhibit C. In Litigation, the Court entered summary judgment order(s), on December 18, 2018 and August 24, 2021, acknowledging Decedent's debt and default that is the subject of FNMA Claim and that the enforcement of said debt was timely. See Id.

- 5.10 Upon information and belief and as indicated in the FNMA Claim, Litigation has established that Decedent's debt that is the subject of FNMA Claim is due, owing, and enforceable, and that Fannie Mae has, at the very least, an unsecured claim against the Estate. See Id. Upon information and belief, in Litigation, one of the issue(s) being litigated is whether Fannie Mae is a secured creditor with respect to FNMA Claim, whether the above-referenced debt was/is secured by Parcel 1, and whether Fannie Mae may proceed, directly, to foreclose on Parcel 1. Irrespective of whether Fannie Mae may or may not foreclose on Parcel 1 and irrespective of any further rulings in Litigation, the relief requested in this Petition can and should be granted, since the Litigation Court has already adjudicated that Decedent's outstanding and unpaid debt that is the subject of FNMA Claim and this Petition, incurred prior to Decedent's death, is valid and enforceable.
- 5.11 On September 22, 2021, the Administrator properly allowed FNMA Claim.

  See Exhibit F. On October 26, 2021, the Administrator properly allowed ACIC Claim.

  See Exhibit I. Upon information and belief, the Estate does not have liquidity to fully payoff the FNMA Claim and the ACIC Claim. See Exhibits F and I.
- 5.12 Upon information and belief, Respondent claims to be the sole heir to Decedent and successor-in-interest to Decedent's rights in the Property. In Litigation,

Respondent is seeking to enjoin Fannie Mae from prosecuting FNMA Claim, in Probate. Therefore, Respondent is and/or will be opposed to this Petition. A stay in the Litigation has been reached but the Respondent has not agreed to stay the Probate proceedings putting the Administrator in a precarious position to fulfill her duties with respect to creditor claims, non-probate assets and a request by Respondent to be substituted as Administrator<sup>12</sup>. Upon information and belief, the Administrator and Respondent have not reached an agreement with respect to the FMNA Claim and the TOD, thereby prompting the filing of this Petition.

5.13 To date, Respondent has not relinquished interest in the Property (i.e., Parcel 1) to Administrator, with said interest based on the transfer of the Property (i.e., Parcel 1) to Respondent in order to avoid creditors by the TOD. The Administrator has notified Respondent of her RCW 11.18.200(1) duty and obligation to provide Accounting (defined below) and Contribution (defined below). The Administrator has demanded that Respondent provide the Administrator with RCW 11.18.200(1) Accounting and Contribution. Respondent has not provided Administrator with statutory and appropriate accounting with respect to: (1) any probate and/or non-probate assets of the Estate that in Respondent's control and/or possession; and (2) the Property to include who is currently living on the Property, and Property-related rents charged and collected ("Accounting").

5.14 To date, Respondent has not provided any contribution/satisfaction payment, to Administrator, for purposes of administering the Estate, and paying off and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See Exhibit G Stay in Litigation through December 12, 2021. Signed Order of Stay will be subsequently filed in the TEDRA matter.

satisfying the FNMA Claim and the ACIC Claim ("Contribution"). To date, Respondent has not conveyed any portion of the Property to Administrator, for purposes of administering the Estate, and paying off and satisfying the FNMA Claim and the ACIC Claim ("Conveyance"). Administrator cannot complete the administration of the Estate and cannot payoff and satisfy the FNMA Claim and the ACIC Claim, without the above-referenced Contribution and/or Conveyance.

## VI. <u>FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION - ACCOUNTING</u> (RCW 11.18.200(1) and other applicable law)

- 6.1 Petitioner realleges and incorporates herein by reference the preceding paragraphs of this pleading as though set forth in full herein.
- 6.2 As a consequence of the TOD, the Property (i.e. Parcel 1) is a nonprobate asset of the Estate and Respondent is a beneficiary and transferee of the Property (i.e. Parcel 1). See RCW 11.02.005(10).
- 6.3 Upon information and belief and pursuant to TOD, Respondent controls and is in possession of the Property (i.e. Parcel 1).
- As a nonprobate asset beneficiary, Respondent is liable to account to Petitioner/Administrator to the extent necessary to satisfy the general liabilities immediately before the Decedent's death ("Claims"), including but not limited to FNMA Claim, ACIC Claim, Property's share of any applicable estate taxes under RCW 83.100A, and the fair share of administration expenses reasonably incurred by the Petitioner/Administrator in the transfer of or administration of the Property and payment to creditors, including but not limited to the attorneys' fees and costs in administering the Estate ("Expenses"). See RCW 11.18.200(1).

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- 6.5 Respondent has failed to provide Petitioner with the above-referenced Accounting. Petitioner is entitled to the above-referenced Accounting.
- 6.6 Petitioner requests that the Court Order the Respondent to provide Petitioner with the above-referenced Accounting, any other appropriate accounting under RCW 11.18.200(1), along with any other applicable accounting to the full extent allowed by law. Since time is of the essence with respect to the claims against the Estate, Petitioner requests that the Court Order that Respondent shall provide Petitioner with the above-referenced Accounting, within seven (7) business days of the Court's Order.

# VII. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION – CONTRIBUTION / SATISFACTION (RCW 11.18.200 and other applicable law)

- 7.1 Petitioner realleges and incorporates herein by reference the preceding paragraphs of this pleading as though set forth in full herein.
- 7.2 Petitioner has a duty to administer any probate and nonprobate assets of the Estate, including but not limited to the Property, as rapidly and as quickly as possible. *See* RCW 11.48.010. The Administrator shall collect all debts due to the Decedent and pay all debts as provided in the Probate Code. Id. Also, the Petitioner shall be authorized, in her own name, to maintain and prosecute such actions as pertain to the management and settlement of the Estate and may institute suit to collect any debts due the Estate or to recover any property, real or personal. Id.
- 7.3 Unless expressly exempted by statute, the Property is subject to satisfaction of the Claims, claims against the Estate, including but not limited to FNMA Claim, ACIC Claim, estate taxes, and administrative Expenses. *See* RCW 11.18.200(1).

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- 7.4 Respondent took the Property (i.e. Parcel 1) and any other non-probate and probate assets of the Estate in Respondent's control and/or possession, if any, subject to the FNMA Claim, ACIC Claim, estate taxes, if any, and administrative Expenses. *See* RCW 1.18.200(1); RCW 11.18.200(2)(d).
- 7.5 Respondent is liable to Petitioner, the Estate, and/or the Estate's creditors for RCW 11.18.200(1), RCW 11.76.110, RCW 11.10.010, and RCW 11.10.040, and RCW 11.48.010 related contribution/satisfaction (i.e. payment), to the maximum extent allowed by law, for payoff and satisfaction of FNMA Claim, ACIC Claim, any other lawful and applicable claim(s) against the Estate, estate taxes, if any, and administrative Expenses ("Respondent's Contribution").
- 7.6 The Property (i.e. Parcel 1), and any other non-probate and probate assets of the Estate that are in Respondent's possession and/or control, if any, is/are subject to and responsible for satisfaction (i.e. payment), to the maximum extent allowed by law, for payoff and satisfaction of FNMA Claim, ACIC Claim, any other lawful and applicable claim(s) against the Estate, estate taxes, if any, and administrative Expenses; and the Property shall abate in accord with RCW 11.10 ("Property's Satisfaction"). 13
- 7.7 Petitioner is entitled to Respondent's Contribution and/or the Property's Satisfaction.
- 7.8 Petitioner requests that the Court Order Respondent to make a cash payment to Petitioner, as part of Respondent's Contribution, and/or convey the Property

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See RCW 11.18.200(1); RCW 11.18.200(2)(d); RCW 11.18.200(4); RCW 11.76.110; RCW 11.10.010; RCW 11.10.040; and RCW 11.48.010.

(i.e. Parcel 1) to Petitioner, as part of Property's Satisfaction and for purposes of Petitioner's administration of the Estate and the Property, within seven (7) business days of Petitioner's presentment, to Respondent, of the amount of the above-referenced Respondent's Contribution and Property's Satisfaction (i.e. payment) with respect to the Estate, the Property, FNMA Claim, ACIC Claim, any other lawful and applicable claim(s) against the Estate, estate taxes, if any, and Expenses.

7.9 Petitioner requests that the Court Order that Petitioner is entitled to a judgment lien against the Property (i.e. Parcel 1) and any other non-probate and probate assets of the Estate that are in Respondent's possession and/or control, if any, to the extent of the above-referenced Respondent's Contribution and Property's Satisfaction, in the amount of at least the market value of the Property (i.e. Parcel 1) immediately before DOD at a minimum of \$274,294.16, with pre-judgment and post-judgment interest to the greatest extent allowed by law, and as shall be further proven at mediation, arbitration, or trial. See In re Estate of Wegner v. Tesche, 157 Wash.App. 554, 560-565 (Div. 2, 2010) (Part Published); RCW 11.18.200(2)(d).

### VIII. THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION – UNJUST ENRICHMENT

- 8.1 Petitioner realleges and incorporates herein by reference the preceding paragraphs of this pleading as though set forth in full herein.
  - 8.2 A claim of unjust enrichment requires proof of three elements, as follows:
- (1) the defendant/respondent receives a benefit; (2) the received benefit is at the

plaintiff's/petitioner's expense, and (3) the circumstances make it unjust for the defendant/respondent to retain the benefit without payment.<sup>14</sup>

- Respondent was unjustly enriched, in the amount to be proven at the hearing on the merits, mediation, arbitration or trial, in receiving an excessive and undue benefit from the Estate. Respondent was unjustly enriched, at the expense of Petitioner, the Estate and Estate's creditor(s), by receiving the Property (i.e. Parcel 1) and any other non-probate and probate assets of the Estate that are in Respondent's possession and/or control, if any, without the Property's Satisfaction and/or payment of the Respondent's Contribution, including but not limited to RCW 11.18.200(1) and RCW 11.18.200(4) contribution/satisfaction for FNMA Claim, ACIC claim, estate taxes, if any, administrative Expenses, and any other Estate's creditor claims, if any.
- 8.4 Petitioner was/is damaged and is entitled to relief, on the ground(s) of above-referenced unjust enrichment by Respondent.
- 8.5 To the extent that Respondent has been unjustly enriched by failing to pay the above-referenced RCW 11.18.200(1) and RCW 11.18.200(4)contribution/satisfaction by using and/or misappropriating the Estate's funds or assets, Respondent holds all such funds and assets in constructive trust for the benefit of the Petitioner, the Estate, and/or the Estate's creditor(s), until the Petitioner, the Estate, and/or the Estate's creditor(s) is/are repaid funds lawfully due and owing.
- 8.6 Petitioner requests that the Court Order that Respondent is liable, to Petitioner, for Respondent's above-referenced unjust enrichment and that the Court award

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Norcon Builders, LLC v. GMP Homes VG, LLC, 161 Wash. App. 474, 490, 254 P.3d 835, 844 (2011)

damages to Petitioner to the full extent allowed by law, plus interest at the highest rate allowed by law, and at least in the amount of above-referenced Property's Satisfaction and/or Respondent's Contribution, including but not limited to RCW 11.18.200(1) and RCW 11.18.200(4) contribution/satisfaction, owed by Respondent.

8.7 Petitioner requests that the Court enter a money judgement award in favor of Petitioner and against Respondent for the above-referenced unjust enrichment, in the amount to be proven at hearing on the merits, mediation, arbitration, or trial, and that the Court Order, impose, and enter a judgment lien against the Property (i.e. Parcel 1) and any other non-probate and probate assets of the Estate that are in Respondent's possession and/or control, if any, in the amount of the above-referenced money judgment.

#### IX. FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION – CONVERSION

- 9.1 Petitioner realleges and incorporates herein by reference the preceding paragraphs of this pleading as though set forth in full herein.
- 9.2 Upon information and belief, Respondent converted and misappropriated, without lawful justification, at least a portion of the value of the Estate, for Respondent's own benefit and without permission from the Petitioner and/or the Estate ("Converted Property"). Petitioner has a property interest in the Converted Property.
- 9.3 Respondent has willfully deprived Petitioner, the Estate, and/or the Estate's lawful creditors of their rightful possession of Estate assets/funds and Property (i.e. Parcel 1) related to Respondent's above-referenced Property's Satisfaction and/or Respondent's Contribution, including but not limited to RCW 11.18.200(1) and RCW 11.18.200(4)

obligation of contribution/satisfaction with respect to the Estate, Property, FNMA Claim, ACIC Claim, estate taxes, if any, and any other Estate's creditor claim(s), if any.

- 9.5 Respondent's above and below-referenced action(s) constitute conversion.

  See generally Pub. Util. Dist. No. 1 of Lewis Cnty. v. Wash. Pub. Power Supply Sys., 104

  Wn.2d 353, 378 (1985).
- 9.6 Petitioner, Estate, and/or Estate's lawful creditors have been damaged in an amount to be proven at mediation, arbitration, or trial.
- 9.7 Petitioner requests that the Court enter a judgment in favor of Petitioner and against Respondent for above-referenced conversation-related damages.

# X. FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION - DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND RELIEF

- 10.1 Petitioner realleges and incorporates herein by reference the preceding paragraphs of this pleading as though set forth in full herein.
- 10.2 The Court can and should enter an order that declares that FNMA Claim is a valid creditor claim against the Estate and that FNMA Claim has been timely submitted to Petitioner and filed in Probate.
- 10.3 The Court can and should enter an order that declares that ACIC Claim is a valid creditor claim against the Estate and that ACIC Claim has been timely submitted to Petitioner and filed in Probate.
- 10.4 The Court can and should enter an order that declares that Respondent is personally liable to Petitioner, Estate, and/or Estate's creditors with respect to above-referenced Property's Satisfaction and/or Respondent's Contribution, including but not

limited to RCW 11.18.200(1) and RCW 11.18.200(4) obligation for contribution/satisfaction, in the amount to be proven at mediation, arbitration, or trial.

- 10.5 The Court can and should enter an order that declares that Petitioner is entitled to an award of Petitioner's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in bringing this TEDRA Petition action.
- 10.6 There is an actual present and existing dispute regarding the Property's Satisfaction and/or Respondent's Contribution, including but not limited to RCW 11.18.200(1) and RCW 11.18.200(4) obligation for contribution/satisfaction with respect to the Estate, Property, FNMA Claim, ACIC Claim, estate taxes, if any, Expenses, and any other lawful creditor claim(s) against the Estate.
- 10.7 Respondent continues not to pay Petitioner (or convey the Property (i.e. Parcel 1) to Petition) pursuant to Property's Satisfaction and/or Respondent's Contribution, including but not limited to RCW 11.18.200(1) and RCW 11.18.200(4) obligation for contribution/satisfaction with respect to the Estate, Property, and FNMA Claim.
- 10.8 In the event that this Court rules in Petitioner's favor with respect to the below-listed eighth's cause of action of this Petition (i.e. Violation of Voidable Transfer Act, RCW 19.40 et seq.) and voids the TOD transfer of Parcel 1, this Court can and should enter an order that declares that Parcel 1 is a probate asset of the Estate, subject to Property's Satisfaction and/or Respondent's Contribution.
- 10.9 Petitioner and Respondent need this Court's declaration, findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ruling with respect to Property's Satisfaction and/or Respondent's

Contribution, including but not limited to RCW 11.18.200(1) and RCW 11.18.200(4) obligation for contribution/satisfaction with respect to the Estate, Property, and FNMA Claim, ACIC Claim, estate taxes, if any, Expenses, and any other lawful creditor claim(s) against the Estate.

10.10 RCW 7.24.100 provides for an award of costs, and Petitioner requests said award.

#### XI. SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION - INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

- 11.1 Petitioner realleges and incorporates herein by reference the preceding paragraphs of this pleading as though set forth in full herein.
- 11.2 Petitioner is entitled to relief requested herein and, likely, will prevail on the merits.
- 11.3 Respondent's non-payment and/or non-conveyance pursuant to Property's Satisfaction and/or Respondent's Contribution, including but not limited to of her above-referenced RCW 11.18.200(1) and RCW 11.18.200(4) obligation for contribution/satisfaction with respect to the Estate, Property, and FNMA Claim is ongoing and continuing.
- 11.4 Petitioner is concerned that Respondent may sell, fail to rent, or otherwise encumber the Property (e.g. Parcel 1), during the pendency of this TEDRA Petition action, thereby potentially frustrating and causing great injury to the Petitioner's, Estate's, and/or Estate creditors' efforts to collect the above-referenced amounts due and owing from Respondent. Any rent or monies from sale and/or rent of the Property (e.g. Parcel 1) should be to Estate and not to Respondent.

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- 11.5 Petitioner is concerned that Respondent may sell, fail to rent, or otherwise encumber the Property (e.g. Parcel 1), during the pendency of this TEDRA Petition litigation, thereby potentially frustrating and causing great injury to the Petitioner's, Estate's, and/or Estate creditors' efforts to receive the relief requested in this Petition. Any rent or monies from sale and/or rent of the Property (e.g. Parcel 1) should be to Estate and not to Respondent.
- 11.6 Petitioner is entitled to injunctive relief (i.e. preliminary injunction) to prevent Respondent from selling, failing to renting, or otherwise encumbering the Property (e.g. Parcel 1), during the pendency of this TEDRA Petition action and until the Court's final adjudication on the merits. Any rent or monies from sale and/or rent of the Property (e.g. Parcel 1) should be to Estate and not to Respondent.
- 11.7 Petitioner requests that the Court grant, to Petitioner, the above referenced and requested injunctive relief.
- 11.8 Upon information and belief, if the above-referenced injunctive relief is not granted, Petitioner may or will suffer an irreparable injury.

# XII. SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION - AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS

- 12.1 Petitioner realleges and incorporates herein by reference the preceding paragraphs of this pleading as though set forth in full herein.
- 12.2 Attorneys' fees and costs should be borne by the Estate and/or Respondent pursuant to RCW 11.96A.150, which provides:
  - (1) Either the superior court or any court on an appeal may, in its discretion, order costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, to be awarded to any party: (a) From any party to the

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proceedings; (b) from the assets of the estate or trust involved in the proceedings; or (c) from any nonprobate asset that is the subject of the proceedings. The court may order the costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, to be paid in such amount and in such manner as the court determines to be equitable. In exercising its discretion under this section, the court may consider any and all factors that it deems to be relevant and appropriate, which factors may but need not include whether the litigation benefits the estate or trust involved. <sup>15</sup>

- 12.3 Attorneys' fees and costs have been incurred in having to bring this TEDRA action on behalf of Administrator.
- 12.4 Petitioner requests that attorneys' fees and costs be awarded to Petitioner against Respondent. Such claim is within the jurisdiction of the Court under RCW 11.96A. Further presentation of the attorneys' fees and costs associated with this Petition will be accomplished. A motion for an award of attorneys' fees and costs will be made when appropriate in this matter.

## XIII. <u>EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION – VIOLATION OF VOIDABLE</u> TRANSFER ACT RCW 19.40 et seq.

- 13.1 Petitioner realleges and incorporates herein by reference the preceding paragraphs of this pleading as though set forth in full herein.
- 13.2 Upon information and belief, immediately prior to the execution and recording of the TOD, Decedent was the record owner, in fee simple, of the Property (i.e. Parcel 1).
- 13.3 Upon information and belief, at the time of DOD and/or Decedent's execution of the TOD in favor of Respondent (i.e. Grantee of TOD), the transfer of said

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> RCW 11.96A.150

asset (i.e. Parcel 1) may have resulted in Decedent becoming insolvent, with his liabilities potentially exceeding his assets.

- 13.4 Upon information and belief, at the time of DOD (or immediately prior to DOD) and/or the execution of TOD in favor of Respondent (i.e. Grantee of TOD), Decedent was on actual and/or constructive notice of the Litigation and the Judgment and made to avoid creditors.
- 13.5 On February 22, 2019, Decedent granted, conveyed, and transferred, via TOD and/or at DOD, his interest in Parcel 1 to Respondent, who is Decedent's daughter, without receiving any money, consideration, or anything of value for the transfer from Decedent.
- 13.6 The transfer of Parcel 1 or interest in same, via TOD and/or at DOD, was made by Decedent to Respondent without any consideration.
- DOD-related transfer, Decedent may have been insolvent and/or the above-referenced transfer made Decedent insolvent or potentially insolvent within the meaning of RCW 19.40.021 because: (1) the sum of Decedent's debts at fair valuation was greater than the sum of his assets; and/or (2) Decedent was generally not paying his debts as they become/became due, because Decedent did not pay all obligations that became due with respect to Parcel 2 (upon information and belief, Decedent allowed Parcel 2 to go into foreclosure proceeding) and Decedent has been unable, potentially, to satisfy the Judgment and/or debt obligations related to and giving rise to FNMA Claim and ACIC Claim.

- 13.8 Respondent qualifies as an insider pursuant to RCW 19.40.011(8)(a)(i) as she is a relative of Decedent.
- voidable transfer as: (1) ACIC was a judgment creditor and Fannie Mae was a creditor or potential creditor of Decedent at the time TOD's execution and/or at DOD and therefore said claim(s) arose before the TOD execution and/or at DOD (i.e. transfer); (2) Decedent did not receive reasonably equivalent value for the TOD transfer; and (3) potentially, Decedent was insolvent on the date of TOD's execution and/or at DOD.
- 13.10 Pursuant to RCW 19.40.041, ACIC's and Fannie Mae's claim(s) arose before DOD and/or the TOD transfer and said transfer was made with actual intent to hinder, delay, frustrate, or defraud creditors ACIC and Fannie Mae. Alternatively, Decedent did not receive reasonably equivalent value for the TOD-based transfer and Decedent was: (1) engaged or was about to engage in a business transaction for which his remaining assets were unreasonably small in relation to the business or transaction; and/or (2) Decedent intended to incur, or believed, or reasonably should have believed, that he would incur debts beyond his ability to pay as they became due.
- 13.11 Such conduct and TOD-based transfer of Parcel 1 constitute(s) a voidable transaction within the meaning of RCWs 19.40.041 and 19.40.051.
- 13.12 For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner requests that this Court enter a judgement voiding the TOD transfer of Parcel 1, to the extent necessary to satisfy the Judgment, ACIC Claim, and FNMA Claim, ordering Respondent to convey and transfer (within three (3) business days of this Order and to the maximum extent allowed by law)

Parcel 1 to Petitioner, as the Administrator of the Estate, and declare that Parcel 1 is a probate asset of the Estate (to the maximum extent allowed by law), subject to Property's Satisfaction and/or Respondent's Contribution.

13.13 For the foregoing reasons and Pursuant to RCW 19.40.071(1)(c)(2), Petitioner/Administrator is entitled to and requests that this Court enter an Order appointing the Petitioner/Administrator as Receiver to take charge of Parcel 1.

#### XIV. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, having alleged this TEDRA Petition pursuant to RCW 11.96A, et. seq., Petitioner prays for the following relief:

- 1. For judgment in Petitioner's favor;
- 2. For an entry of judgment granting relief requested hereinabove;
- 3. For an Order granting Petitioner the above-requested declaratory relief;
- 4. For an Order for injunctive relief, and the establishment of a constructive trust, as may be necessary and appropriate, to restrain the Respondent from selling, failing to rent, or otherwise encumbering the Property (e.g., Parcel 1);
- 5. Judgment against Respondent for all of the above-referenced and requested damages to be proven at hearing on the merits, mediation, arbitration or trial, including but not limited to accounting, contribution/satisfaction, unjust enrichment, conversion, and violation(s) of the Voidable Transfer Act, RCW 19.40 et seq., with respect to the Property (i.e. Parcel 1) and any other non-probate and probate assets of the Estate in Respondent's control and/or possession, if any, and pursuant to the above-referenced Property's Satisfaction and/or Respondent's

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- Contribution, including but not limited to RCW 11.18.200(1) obligation for contribution/satisfaction;
- 6. For an Order directing Respondent to provide, within seven (7) business days of this Order, Petitioner with RCW 11.18.200(1) accounting with respect to the Property (i.e., Parcel 1) and any other non-probate and probate assets of the Estate in Respondent's control and/or possession, if any, and as otherwise requested herein and allowed or required by applicable law;
- 7. For Petitioner's reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements incurred herein, pursuant to RCW 11.96A.150, other applicable law, and other equitable considerations.
- 8. For a judgment in favor of Petitioner and against Respondent voiding the TOD transfer of Parcel 1, to the extent necessary to satisfy the Judgment, ACIC Claim, and FNMA Claim, ordering Respondent to convey and transfer (within three (3) business days of this Order and to the maximum extent allowed by law) Parcel 1 to Petitioner, as the Administrator of the Estate, and declare that Parcel 1 is a probate asset of the Estate (to the maximum extent allowed by law), subject to Property's Satisfaction and/or Respondent's Contribution, as these terms are defined in Petitioner's TEDRA Petition.
- For attachment, encumbrance, lien and/or other provisional remedy against the Parcel 1 transferred to Respondent.
- 10. For a monetary judgment against Respondent as allowed under Chapter RCW 19.40 et seq.

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- 11. For an Order enjoining further disposition of Parcel 1 by Respondent, pursuant to RCW 19.40.071(1)(c)(1).
- 12. For an Order appointing the Petitioner/Administrator as Receiver to take charge of Parcel 1, pursuant to RCW 19.40.071(1)(c)(2).
- 13. For other applicable and appropriate relief, pursuant to RCW 19.40.071.
- 14. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable.
- 15. For an Order allowing and ordering the mediation to proceed, if the matter related to this TEDRA Petition is not resolved at the hearing on the merits.

DATED this 29th day of October, 2021.

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#### VERIFICATION

The Petitioner, DALYNNE SINGLETON, undersigned, declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of Washington that she is the Petitioner named in this Verified Petition For Accounting, Contribution, Unjust Enrichment, Conversion, Declaratory Judgment, Relief Under Voidable Transfer Act, and Award of Attorneys' Fees and Costs to Petitioner ("Petition"), have read the Petition and knows its contents and it is true and correct to the best of her knowledge.

Executed at	Tacoma.	WA this	29	day of _	October 2021.

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