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State Bar of Michigan
306 Townsend Street
Lansing, MI 48933

Re: Death of Denis W. Budds, Attorney at Law
(P11352) and
Notice of Appointment of Interim Administrator

Greetings:

Please accept this correspondence with our sadness at the obligation to report that Attorney Denis W. Budds (P71938) died on February 6, 2025.

Attorney Denis W. Budds ("Denis") appointed his son, Matthew D. Budds ("Matthew") of Mohr Budds Law, PLLC to serve as interim administrator in the event that Denis W. Budds was no longer able to practice law. Following Denis' death, Matthew filed a petition with the 38th Circuit Court to appoint him as interim administrator. That petition was acted upon by the court and on February 22, 2025, Matthew was appointed as interim administrator. A copy of the order is enclosed.

The appointment of Matthew does not automatically create an attorney-client relationship with Denis' clients. As a result, if there are any pending matters, please accept this correspondence as a request for any hearings to be adjourned until such time as Denis' clients can be notified and they have the opportunity to secure replacement counsel.

The general duties of the interim administrator, pursuant to MCR 9.307(B) are to:

- (1) take custody of the files and records.
- (2) take control of accounts, including lawyer trust accounts and operating accounts.
- (3) review the files and other papers to identify any pending matters.

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(4) promptly notify all clients represented by the Affected Attorney in pending matters of the appointment of the Interim Administrator. Notification shall be made in writing, where practicable.

(5) promptly notify all courts and counsel involved in any pending matters, to the extent they can be reasonably identified, of the appointment of an Interim Administrator for the Affected Attorney. Notification shall be made in writing, where practicable.

(6) deliver the files, funds, and other property belonging to the Affected Attorney's Clients pursuant to the clients' directions, subject to the right to retain copies of such files or assert a retaining or charging lien against such files, money, or other property to the extent permitted by law.

(7) take steps to protect the interests of the clients, the public, and, to the extent possible and not inconsistent with the protection of the Affected Attorney's Clients, to protect the interests of the Affected Attorney.

Please accept this notice as part of Matthew's responsibility pursuant to MCR 9.307(B)(5).

If possible, please provide a listing of any active cases in which Denis W. Budds is counsel of record. Please do not substitute Matthew D. Budds as counsel at this time as the clients will have the opportunity to select replacement counsel of their choosing. The appointment of the Interim Administrator does not automatically create an attorney and client relationship between the Interim Administrator and any of the Denis W. Budds' clients.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew D. Budds, Member
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38th STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT	ORDER APPOINTING INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR	CASE NO. and JUDGE 25-148598-LZ Judge Nichols
Court address 106 E. First Street, Monroe, Michigan 48161		Court telephone no. 734-240-7020

In the matter of Denis W. Budds, deceased
First, middle, and last name

A TRUE COPY
[Signature]
COUNTY CLERK

THE COURT FINDS:

- 1. A petition has been filed with this court for the appointment of an Interim Administrator.
- 2. It appears by a preponderance of the evidence that Denis W. Budds
Affected Attorney name P11352 is an Affected
Bar no. Attorney as defined in MCR 9.301(A), and the appointment of an Interim Administrator is necessary to protect the interests of the Affected Attorney's clients or the interests of the Affected Attorney.
- 3. Good cause exists to appoint a different Interim Administrator than petitioner.
- 4. Good cause exists to appoint an additional Interim Administrator.

IT IS ORDERED:

- 5. Matthew D. Budds
Attorney name, Law Firm name, or State Bar of Michigan is appointed Interim Administrator to serve on behalf of the Affected Attorney.
- 6. _____ is appointed as an additional Interim Administrator to serve on behalf of the Affected Attorney.
Attorney name, Law Firm name, or State Bar of Michigan
- 7. The Interim Administrator is authorized to:
 - take custody of and act as signatory on any bank or investment accounts, safe deposit boxes, and other depositories maintained by the Affected Attorney in connection with the Law Firm, including all lawyer trust accounts, escrow accounts, payroll accounts, operating accounts, and special accounts;
 - disburse funds to clients of the Affected Attorney or others entitled thereto; and
 - take all appropriate actions with respect to the accounts.
- 8. This order takes effect upon entry. on _____.
- 9. The Interim Administrator must submit the following to the court:
 - interim account annually. quarterly. monthly. other: within 35 days
Specific date
 - final accounting by _____ _____
Specific date Other
 - report(s) as follows: _____

10. The petition is denied because _____

William Paul Nichols (P42962)
Judge signature and date

2/20/2025