

Couples learn divorces are not final until the decree is filed

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Married? In Arkansas," who found to her dismay that her husband was still married to his first wife, I thought I should write. It happens more than people would like to think.

I have worked for more than 10 years on a divorce court staff, and I would advise all divorced people — male and female — to request a certified copy of their divorce decree. This official document is available from the courthouse in which they were divorced.

I know of at least two instances where the lawyers failed to submit the decree of divorce to the judge. It was only discovered more than a decade later. In the first instance, as part of the property settlement, the husband was going to buy out his ex-wife's interest in the former marital home. The provision was triggered by the youngest child turning 18. The mortgage company needed a copy of the divorce decree to refinance the mortgage. Surprise — both the husband and wife had remarried! They had to go through another divorce proceeding. (It was probably more amicable than the first.) But they were humiliated, not to mention furious at the attorney. Then they had to "remarry" their current spouses.

The second incident was very sad. The parties' son was killed in an accident. In the process of filing a wrongful death action, a copy of their divorce decree was needed. That's when they learned their case had been dismissed for "failure to prosecute." Again, the attorney had not filed the judgment, even though the parties had appeared in court and testified.

Please, Abby, tell your readers if



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• Dear Abby

they have gotten a divorce and do not have a certified copy of their divorce decree, to get one now. Most attorneys are hard-working and honest. But it never hurts to have insurance, and this is some of the cheapest insurance they'll ever get.

— CONCERNED COURT REPORTER

DEAR CONCERNED: I'm sure your letter will raise some eyebrows, but you have offered some good advice, and I hope my readers will pay attention to it.

DEAR ABBY: Please help me. I'm 14, the oldest of four children. The second youngest is "Rose." She's 8 and was the baby of the family until about three years ago, when Mother became pregnant. Needless to say, Rose was not happy with the news. When we were told a few months later that the baby would be a girl, Rose cried and said she wanted a boy. Then, when baby "Claire," was born, Rose had a temper tantrum because she wasn't the baby anymore. Rose had been so used to being doted on and getting everything she wanted — and here came this new baby.

Now Rose is continually abusing Claire. She will scream at Claire for just moving something out of place. For instance, Rose was dancing to some music in the family room, and Claire came in with a laundry bas-

ket. Rose went nuts. She turned and screamed, "Get out! I'm dancing, you idiot!" Then she went and gave Claire the biggest slap on the shoulder! Claire went crying to Mom and said Rose hit her, but Rose denied it, even though I was there and witnessed everything.

Is this jealousy, or something else?

— STUNNED IN BILOXI, MISS.

DEAR STUNNED: It's jealousy — and that kind of sibling rivalry goes all the way back to Cain and Abel. I hope you told your mother what really occurred, because your mother's work is cut out for her. Not only does she have her little one to tend to, she is going to have to give Rose more attention. It will alleviate some of her jealousy and also ensure that Rose cannot act out — and lie — without punishment.

I recommend that your mother involve Rose in a special activity — something that is just for her — so she can feel "special" again. She's an angry little girl, but she cannot be allowed to continue abusing her little sister.

Editor's note: Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069.

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— 5/17—5/19— — —

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— 5/17—5/19— — —

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— 5/15—5/19— — —

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— 5/15—5/19— — —

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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Case No. AD PR 15 MARGARET S. LADELY, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State Of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on May 4, 2006, a Petition for Admission of Foreign Will to Probate and Record Without Administration was filed in this Court by Jeanette Kern, heir, devisee, and legatee and personal representative named in the Last Will and Testament of Margaret S. Ladely, deceased, praying that the foreign will of Margaret S. Ladely, deceased be admitted to probate and record in this court; that no administration of this estate is necessary; that the will be construed; and that the property described in that petition be assigned in accordance with the terms of the will. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 5, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. of such day, in such court, in the City of Colby, in Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place such cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Jeanette Kern
Petitioner

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Wanted

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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of LORETTA R. RIKOFF, Deceased. No. 2006-PR-13

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State Of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated April 27, 2006, has been filed in this Court by William H. Rikoff, spouse, heir at law and legatee of Loretta R. Rikoff, deceased, praying for the appointment of William H. Rikoff as Executor of the Estate without bond, and be granted Letters of Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 25, 2006, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. of such day, in this Court, in the City of Colby, in Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted, the Court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the Court, the Court may order supervised administration to ensue.

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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Midfirst Bank

Plaintiff,

vs.

Clifford L. Gallington and Wendy M. Gallington, et al.

Defendants.

Case No. 06CV4

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Thomas County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, on May 24, 2006, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

The South Fifteen (15) feet of Lot Fifty-nine (59), all of Lot Sixty (60), and the North Ten (10) feet of Lot Sixty one (61), Except Twenty two (22) feet off the West end of said lots for highway purposes, all in Block One Hundred Twenty-seven (127), North Addition to the City of Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 185 North Range Avenue, Colby, KS 67701 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com.

Michael Baughn,

Sheriff Thomas County, Kansas

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FOR CORDELIA JESPERSON & OTHERS


DATE: Saturday, May 20, 2006

Time: 10 am CST (doors open at 8:00 am day of sale)

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HOUSEHOLD: Upright deep freeze - Nice; Refrigerator; Propane cooking stove; Large selection of old books from 1887 to 1980s; W9 manual and other old manuals; Linens and Doilies; 3 - Old glass oil lamps; Old farm set; Small crock bowl, Sewing machine, Kitchen utensils, Jewelry, Old tins, Wood easel, Meat grinder, Kiln with lots of greenware, Large collection of ceramics and crafts; Ceramic cleaning tools; Airbrush and compressor; New air brush, 2 tanks for airbrush, Old license plates; Rigat Rubus St. Petersburg violin; Wedgewood dishes; Sears window air conditioner - 2 years old; Old radio, Picture frames; Knick knacks; Old 45s, Old oil cans; Hat pins; Bedding and quilts; VCR tapes; Salt and pepper shakers; Blown glass; Rooster Light; Old clock; Music boxes; Old Cameras; Pitcher; Creamer; Green Sunkist orange juicer; Large selection of pens; Large selection of Christmas items; Butter mold and press; Meat tenderizer, Silverware, Kerosene lamp; Pots

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