

Rule 15-527. Appointment of trustee to protect clients' interest when a licensed paralegal practitioner disappears, dies, is suspended or delicensed, or is transferred to disability status.

1 (a) Protective appointment of trustee. If a licensed paralegal practitioner has disappeared or
2 died, or if a respondent has been suspended or delicensed or transferred to disability status, and if
3 there is evidence that the licensed paralegal practitioner or respondent has not complied with the
4 provisions of Rule 15-526 and no partner, executor, or other responsible party capable of
5 conducting the licensed paralegal practitioner's or respondent's affairs is known to exist, a
6 district judge of the judicial district in which the licensed paralegal practitioner or respondent
7 maintained a principal office, upon the request of OPC counsel, may appoint a trustee to
8 inventory the licensed paralegal practitioner's or respondent's files, notify the licensed paralegal
9 practitioner's or respondent's clients, distribute the files to the clients, return unearned fees and
10 other funds, and take any additional action authorized by the judge making the appointment.

11 (b) Confidentiality. No attorney-client relationship exists between the client and the trustee
12 except to the extent necessary to maintain and preserve the confidentiality of the client. The
13 trustee shall not disclose any information contained in the files so inventoried without the
14 consent of the client to whom such files relate, except as necessary to carry out the order of the
15 court making the appointment.

16 (c) Immunity. Any person appointed as a trustee shall have the immunity granted by Rule 15-
17 513.

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