

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CARVER COUNTY

DISTRICT COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re:

Court File No. 10-PR-16-46

Estate of Prince Rogers Nelson,
Deceased.

**ORDER AUTHORIZING DEPOSITIONS
AND DISCOVERY**

The Special Administrator, in order to effectuate its responsibilities to take custody and control of all records related to the legal, business and personal affairs of the decedent held by those who acted on behalf of the decedent and his entities prior to his untimely death, seeks this Court's authorization to employ the discovery tools provided for by the Rules of Civil Procedure to obtain documents and testimony. The Special Administrator recognizes that its appointment authorizes its employment of informal demands, as well as formal releases and requests for information on behalf of the Estate. However, the Court appreciates that this Estate is wide-ranging, with records possessed by legal, medical, and business professionals, and others, in jurisdictions outside of Minnesota. For example, the Special Administrator advises the Court that various counsel and other individuals who have acted on behalf of Prince and his entities reside in California. Furthermore, the Special Administrator reports that law enforcement has also sought computer and other records. While the Court understands that informal demands are underway for these and other records, the importance to the Estate of the Special Administrator's taking timely possession of those records is such that,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Special Administrator is authorized to employ subpoenas pursuant to Minn. R. Civ. P. 45, as well as the discovery means addressed by Minn. R. Civ. P. 26-37. *See* Minn. Stat. § 524.1-304.
2. This Special Administrator is also authorized to utilize interstate depositions and discovery, including requesting the issuance of subpoenas pursuant to the authority of courts in jurisdictions outside of Minnesota, with this Order serving as the Court's authorization of the Special Administrator to seek appropriate legal process in other jurisdictions for the purposes discussed above.

To the extent notice to all parties is required, *see*, e.g., Minn. R. Civ. P. 45.01(e), the Special Administrator shall provide notice to the interested persons, including those entitled to notice pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-204.

Dated: May ____, 2016

Kevin W. Eide
Judge of District Court