Rule 5.205. Filing Evidence of Death

- (a) Requirements for Filing. A copy of an official record of the death of a decedent shall be filed by the personal representative, if any, or the petitioner in each of the following proceedings and at the times specified:
- **(1)** Administration of decedent's estate: not later than 3 months following the date of the first publication of the notice to creditors.
- **(2)** Ancillary proceedings: not later than 3 months following the date of first publication of notice to creditors.
- (3) Summary administration: at any time prior to entry of the order of summary administration.
- **(4)** Disposition without administration: at the time of filing the application for disposition without administration.
- **(5)** Determination of beneficiaries: at any time prior to entry of the final judgment determining beneficiaries.
- **(6)** Determination of protected homestead: at any time prior to entry of the final judgment determining protected homestead status of real property.
- (7) Probate of will without administration: at any time prior to entry of the order admitting will to probate.
- **(b) Waiver.** On verified petition by the personal representative, if any, or the petitioner the court may enter an order dispensing with this rule, without notice or hearing.
- **(c) Authority to Require Filing.** The court may, without notice or hearing, enter an order requiring the personal representative, if any, or the petitioner to file a copy of an official record of death at any time during the proceedings.