

Effective January 1, 2012

Section 7100 of the California Health and Safety Code has been amended to include conservators as those who have the right, duty and liability to control the disposition of a deceased and to arrange for funeral goods and services to be provided as follows:

§7100(a)

6. The surviving competent adult persons of the next degree of kindred or the majority of the surviving competent persons of the next degree of kindred.

- a. a sole surviving competent adult person of the next degree of kindred to the decedent
- b. the majority of the surviving competent adult persons of the same degree of kindred
- c. less than the majority of the surviving competent adult persons of the same degree of kindred, *provided*:
  1. reasonable efforts to locate other surviving competent adult persons of same degree of kindred are unsuccessful, and
  2. not aware of any opposition by majority of the surviving competent adult persons of the same degree of kindred

**Degrees of kindred, *after* sibling/siblings:**

- Next degree: surviving competent adult grandparents, grandchildren, then;
- Next degree: surviving competent adult aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, great grandchildren, great grandparents, then;
- Next degree: surviving competent adult grand nieces and nephews, first cousins, great aunts and uncles, great-great grandparents

**7. A conservator of the decedent appointed under the Probate Code when the decedent has sufficient assets.**

**8. A conservator of the estate of the decedent appointed under the Probate Code when the decedent has sufficient assets.**

9. The Public Administrator, when the decedent has sufficient assets.