
STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Probate Division

Case Type: Trust

In the Matter of the Trust Created by
Article VII of the Last Will and Testament
of CHARLES K. BLANDIN (aka the
Residuary Trust),
Deceased.

Court File No. 62-C5-58-302795

Judge: Stephen L. Smith

**Order Granting in Part Petition to
Construe and Interpret Terms of
Will**

The above-entitled matter came on for hearing before the Honorable Stephen L. Smith on August 26, 2025, upon Blandin Foundation's Petition to Construe and Interpret Terms of Will ("Petition").

Denise S. Rahne and Timothy W. Billion of Robins Kaplan LLP appeared for Petitioner Blandin Foundation; Christopher J. Burns of Henson & Efron, P.A. appeared for Individual Trustee James Hoolihan; and Evan A. Nelson and Michael P. Sampson of Maslon, LLP appeared for Corporate Trustee Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. The Office of Minnesota Attorney General - Charities Division did not appear but submitted a letter prior to the hearing noting that it was not taking a position on the Petition.

The Court, being duly advised in the premises, now makes the following:

1. The Court finds and confirms that the Petition and the related Notice of Hearing have been duly served on all interested parties in accordance with Minnesota law.

2. The Court further finds and confirms that, based upon a reasonable construction and interpretation of the Last Will and Testament of Charles K. Blandin (the “Will”) and applicable Minnesota law, the no-contest provision included in the Will does not apply to the Blandin Foundation and was intended to apply only to the individual beneficiaries named by Charles K. Blandin in his Will.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Dated: _____, 2025

BY THE COURT:

Honorable Stephen L. Smith
Judge, Second Judicial District
Ramsey County District Court

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