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Family Update Template

READ • Chapters 4–5 — Communication during waiting

A short, regular update can lower the temperature because people no longer have to guess whether anything is happening. Keep it factual. Do not predict court timing or promise a distribution that has not been approved.

WHAT THIS IS	A removable outline for a written or spoken family update.
WHY IT HELPS	It provides the same basic information to the appropriate people.
HOW TO USE IT	Complete the facts, remove private details and have legal statements reviewed when needed.

Estate / update date

UPDATE PART	WHAT TO SAY
What has happened since the last update	
What is currently in progress	
What we are waiting for	
What the family needs to do	
What we cannot answer yet	
Next expected update	

Questions received and where answers will come from

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