

## **Chapter 1b. Distribution of Judgment Funds to Estates**

### **7.1b01 PURPOSE**

Under A Plan for the Use of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Judgement Fund Distribution (Plan), the estates of certain deceased Tribal members shall receive payments. This Statute describes how such payment shall be made to such estates.

(Source: WOS 1999006, May 23, 1999, Section I)

### **7.1b02 DISTRIBUTION**

**A.** In the event that a Tribal member who is eligible to receive a payment under the Plan should die before the funds are distributed, that individual's payment shall be distributed to his/her heirs at law. The Trust Fund Board may request a copy of the individual's death certificate or other proof of the date of death to verify the individual's eligibility for his/her shares.

**B.** If such individual had a will at the time of his/her death, such individual's heirs and the share each heir is entitled to, shall be determined under that will.

**C.** If no will was present at the time of his/her death, the shares shall be distributed to any surviving spouse, or, in the absence of a surviving spouse, shall be distributed equally to any surviving children, or, in the absence of any surviving children, shall be distributed to surviving parents, or, in the absence of surviving spouse, children, or parents, in equal shares to surviving siblings, or, in the absence of surviving spouse, children, parents, or siblings, shall revert to the Tribe. In all cases, an individual's heirs shall be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(Source: WOS 1999006, May 23, 1999, Section II)