

NEXT OF KIN

As determined pursuant to EPTL §§ 2-1.1, 1-2.5, 1-2.10 and 4-1.1, as modified by PHL §4201 per Chautauqua County protocol for autopsy report requests

RELATIONSHIP WHEN THEY ARE “NEXT OF KIN”

Spouse or legal domestic partner Always

Child Always, unless parental rights were terminated via adoption. *If child has not reached the age of 18, you may move on to the next relationship on the list.*

Grandchild When the child/parent who the decedent/grandchild have in common is deceased. *If grandchild has not reached the age of 18, you may move on to the next relationship on the list.*

Great Grandchild When the decedent had none of the above surviving at the time of death. *If great grandchild has not reached the age of 18, you may move on to the next relationship on the list.*

Parent When the decedent had no children or grandchildren (issue) surviving at time of death, or where none of the decedent’s surviving issue have reached the age of 18.

Sibling When the decedent had none of the above surviving at the time of death. This applies to full and half, but not step, siblings.

Grandparent When the decedent had none of the above surviving at the time of death.

Other Relatives If none of the above apply, call or email Legal or the Law Department.
