

**QUESTION 10 THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION SHOULD GO IN BLUEBOOK IV OR IN EXAMPLIFY ANSWER SCREEN 10**

On February 1, 2020, Mary Sue was involved in a car accident and died the same day at the hospital. She was recently divorced and had one adult son, Trevor. Found among her things was the following document in a notebook on her desk, which Mary Sue wrote when she was 45 years of age and in good physical and mental health, in her own handwriting:

My Will

I, Mary Sue, wish to distribute my assets in the following manner upon my death:

- I leave my stamp collection to my sister, Amy.
- I leave my 2017 Volkswagen Jetta to my brother, Roger.
- I leave my shares of ABC Company stock to my friend, Beth.
- I leave the rest of my property to my husband, Frank, and if he does not survive me, I leave \$5,000 to my ungrateful son, Trevor, and the rest of my property to the Humane Society.

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/s/ Mary Sue

At the time Mary Sue drafted the above document, she held 200 shares of common stock in ABC Company. In 2018, her brother Roger died, survived by his daughter, Amber. In 2019, Frank left Mary Sue and filed for divorce. The divorce became final in December 2019. Because the stamp collection reminded her of Frank, and she wanted to rid herself of all things Frank, Mary Sue sold the stamp collection for \$50,000 and used the funds to replace the collection with \$50,000 worth of gold coins.

Mary Sue's estate at the time of her death, after all of her debts and expenses were paid, consisted of the following: \$1,500,000 in cash, the gold coins, a 2017 Volkswagen Jetta, and 1,000 shares of common stock in ABC Company (consisting of the original issue

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shares plus shares purchased from reinvesting the dividends and additional shares resulting from stock splits).

Under Michigan law, how should Mary Sue's property be distributed? Explain your answers.