

Probate is the legal process of settling the estate of a deceased person, resolving all claims and distributing the decedent's property under his or her last will and testament. Once a will has been probated, it is relied upon as valid. Probate establishes the wishes of the deceased, confirms the executor as the official representative of the estate and provides for the management and distribution of the interests of heirs and creditors.

We understand that, when a loved one dies, we play a key role in assisting the family to probate and administer the estate, and we do not take that responsibility lightly. We do all we can to make estate administration as simple and expeditious as possible, and, when advisable, we recommend and implement post-mortem tax planning for an estate.

To learn more about probate, see the [Do I Need a Revocable Trust](#) powerpoint in the Library section of our site.