Probate Flow Chart - A Simple Overview If your loved one does NOT have a will.



Probate Flow Chart - A Simple Overview If your loved one has a will.



- 1. Obtain the original will.
- 2. Take it to an attorney you can trust.



4. Determine whether a full probate is necessary or a simplified probate muniment of title will work:

a. Are the only debts ones secured by real estate? If yes, simplified probate (muniment of title) is probably possible.

b. Are there other debts owed by the estate? If yes, full probate will likely be necessary.



3. Make sure the will has been executed properly. If not, extra steps may be needed.

SIMPLIFIED PROBATE (Muniment of Title)

5. Attorney files the application for probate.



6. Executor appears in court with the attorney.

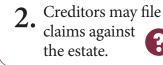


7. Court approves probate and issues orders that allow estate settlement to move forward.

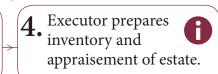


FULL PROBATE In addition to Steps 5, 6 & 7:

1. Notice to creditors is published in newspaper.



3. Executor notifies beneficiaries of probate.



5. Court approves inventory and appraisement or court filing or approval is waived by beneficiaries.



6. Executor determines how to pay claims against estate.



7. Estate is distributed to beneficiaries.

