



# Quick Resource Guides: Probate

## How to

- Simplified Probate Procedures: <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/probate/simple-transfer>
- Probate Process Diagram: <http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/Pages.aspx/Probate-Process-Diagram>
- Administering the Probate Estate: <http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/Pages.aspx/Administering-the-Estate>
- Closing and Distributing the Estate: <http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/Pages.aspx/Closing-and-Distributing-the-Estate>
- California Judges' Benchguide: Probate Administration: <http://www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/protem/pubs/bg302.pdf>

## Forms

- Probate Forms (All): <https://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm?filter=DE>
- Probate Forms and Rules, Alameda Superior Court: <https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/divisions/probate/probate-rules-forms> This page contains packets and individual forms to file in Alameda County.
- Petition for Probate Instructions: <http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/Pages.aspx/Preparing-the-Petition>
- Affidavit of Death/Small Estate Affidavit forms and instructions from the Sacramento County Law Library: [https://saclaw.org/resource\\_library/affidavit-for-collection-of-personal-property-2/](https://saclaw.org/resource_library/affidavit-for-collection-of-personal-property-2/)

## Library Books

- ***How to Probate an Estate in California***  
KFC205.Z9 .N57 2023, at the reference desk. Also available as an eBook through Nolo Press (Ebsco)
- ***California Decedent Estate Practice***  
KFC210 .C35 2009, shelf 110A. Also available as an eBook through CEB OnLaw.
- ***Rutter Group: Probate***  
KFC205 .R671, shelf 110A. Also available as an eBook on Westlaw
- ***Probate Procedures: Counter to Courtroom***  
KFC205 .C68, shelf 108B

## Free Legal Help

### Community Legal Assistance Saturday Program (CLASP)

[CLASP offers a monthly, free clinic open to the public.](#) Volunteer attorneys meet with individuals for 15-20 minute consultations.

## Hire an Attorney

### BALI- Bay Area Legal Incubator

125 12<sup>th</sup> St. Oakland, CA Mezzanine Level

Affordable legal services. Some attorneys offer sliding scale fees. In-take form available on website, and you can also read the profiles and get contact information for the BALI attorneys.

<https://www.bayarealegalincubator.org/>

### ACBA Lawyer Referral Service- (510) 302-2222 x4

\$40.00 for attorney referral and 30-minute consultation. Attorneys charge \$200 – 400/hour for services. Can also self-book consultations online: <https://www.acbanet.org/need-a-lawyer/>

### California State Bar

The [California State Bar](#) lists basic information about all attorneys registered to practice law in the state of California. In addition, the site also provides an [attorney referral service](#) for the public to find qualified attorneys in their county. <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/Public>

### Martindale.com

[Martindale.com](#) is the online version of the Martindale Hubbell attorney directories. You can search for attorneys by location or by area of practice.