

# **JONES & ASSOCIATES LAW, PC**

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What happens when someone you love dies? How do you know what should happen next? Who makes decisions about the children? The property? What happens if there is no will? What exactly is probate? These are just a few of the questions that most people have and need answered after a loved one dies.

Probate is the process that proves the validity of the deceased's will and establishes who will be responsible for administering the estate. Probate is necessary for distributing assets, re-titling property, and often paying debts. At Jones & Associates Law, PC, we advise executors and administrators through all aspects of handling an estate including:

- Opening the estate
- Proving the validity of the will
- Obtaining authorization to administer the estate
- Collecting and re-titling assets to the estate
- Making notifications to heirs and creditors
- Resolving bills and outstanding creditor claims
- Filing and paying applicable taxes
- Resolving will contests
- Disbursing remaining assets in accordance with the will or intestate laws (laws for estates where there is not a valid will)
- Closing the estate

Before you need it, we also work closely with clients to establish customized estate plans, including establishing wills and trusts and other important estate planning documents.

## **Contact an Experienced Estate Administration Lawyer**

Jones & Associates Law, PC offers an estate planning and probate practice that works together to meet the needs of clients. We strive to keep the estate out of probate court, but have experience successfully defending will contests and other claims. Our fees are competitive and dependent on the value of the estate. We work hard to make the process as seamless as possible for the family.

When your family needs a counselor you can trust, contact Jones & Associates Law PC, at **610-874-1900** for experienced legal advice regarding estates.