

Probate Proceedings Overview

What Is Probate?

Probate is the court-supervised process that validates wills (if any), identifies heirs, settles debts/taxes, and distributes remaining assets including real estate after someone dies.

When Is Probate Needed?

If there's no clear title holder due to multiple heirs or disputes over deceased owner's estate.

Steps Involved:

1. Filing petition with local probate court.
2. Notifying interested parties/heirs.
3. Identifying assets & debts including disputed properties.
4. Court approval on distribution plan or sale if needed.

State officials often guide families through this process during heirs' property resolution efforts.