



PROBATE PERSPECTIVE

Unfortunately, in our business we see a rise in client deaths in the months of December, January and February. Your firm may or may not practice in this area or be unable to assist them with their estate planning or probate needs. Rest assured, we can.

It is important for you to advise your clients of steps to take for themselves and their loved ones to make sure that their documents speak for them when they can no longer speak for themselves. If the time has passed to do estate planning, we can assist your clients with the sometimes complicated probate process.

The law firm of JEFFREY BARR has been guiding families through the probate process for more than 35 years. From reviewing the estate's liabilities and tax burdens, to ensuring that all documents are filed correctly, our probate attorneys and paralegals will expeditiously resolve any probate issues that arise while keeping your clients informed of our progress. Our exceptional team of attorneys and paralegals has over 40 years of experience in dealing with probate and other matters.

At JEFFREY BARR, our goal is to keep clients and their loved ones out of probate, but when that is not possible,

we provide assistance in guiding them through the probate process. Some beneficial estate planning techniques that may be utilized to avoid probate include: creating a living trust and transferring title to property in that trust so that the conveyance of property can be done privately and without court supervision; adding transfer or pay on death designations to bank and investment accounts; recording a beneficiary deed naming beneficiaries to any real property; and re-titling assets to be held in joint-tenancy.

For those clients or their loved ones who have not been able to take advantage of the estate planning techniques above, they will most likely have to go through probate. Probate, the court-supervised legal process of transferring ownership of property from a deceased person to the deceased person's heirs, can be a long and expensive process. Some of the major steps taken during probate include appointing the Personal Representative (also called an Executor or Administrator); admitting the Last Will & Testament to the court; handling any estate creditors; filing an inventory of estate assets; selling property (real and personal); accounting for estate

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assets; completing the tax returns for the decedent and the estate; and making distributions of estate assets. Each step of the probate process must be done carefully and with the court's supervision. There are many new requirements under Nevada law regarding probate administration, and there can be many traps for the uninformed.

We are also happy to serve as a resource for any estate planning or probate questions you and your clients may have. If a situation does arise for one of your clients where probate is required, we welcome the opportunity to co-counsel with you and share in any fees generated from such representation.

If you or your clients are in need of an estate planning or probate attorney, TRUST the team at JEFFREY BARR. **J**



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The United States federal tax system is perhaps one of the most complicated, ever-evolving systems in the country. The State of Nevada, of course, has its own tax system. Both have ramifications for individuals and businesses. With that comes extreme complexity, yielding plenty of room for tax controversies. The attorneys at JEFFREY BARR navigate these complexities every day, helping clients with very important issues to best possible outcomes. Tax controversy and resolution involve a number of topics. If your clients have a tax issue, please urge them to contact Derek Hatch, Esq. at 702-433-4455. **J**

