

Probate and Trust & Estate Administration

The process following the loss of a loved one can be both emotionally challenging and legally complex. Our team provides skilled legal guidance through the estate administration and probate process. We assist executors, administrators and trustees with fulfilling their duties, including probating the will with the Surrogate's Court, identifying and valuing assets, paying debts and taxes, preparing any required estate, inheritance, or income tax returns, preparing estate and trust accountings, distributing assets to beneficiaries in accordance with the will and state law, and addressing any disputes that may arise.

The administration of New Jersey estates for out-of-state residents, including those who own real estate or other tangible property in New Jersey at the time of death, triggers unique legal requirements. In these circumstances, a process known as ancillary probate is often required. We assist out-of-state executors and administrators with this process (which is a separate proceeding from the primary administration of the estate in the decedent's state of residence) including obtaining and filing the necessary documentation and facilitating the resolution of issues related to New Jersey inheritance tax reporting for non-residents.

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