

COMMITTED TO UNDERSTANDING AND ACCESSIBILITY

Committed to Client Understanding:

The best and most satisfied client is a client who can make informed choices based on a complete understanding of their options. This requires communicating effectively with the client so that they understand the counsel that is being offered. Always expect us to use plain English and check for understanding by way of a sustained dialogue between client and attorney.

Committed to Our Understanding:

We believe a major part of an attorney's role is to offer a supportive environment for clients facing difficult legal issues. We promise to listen carefully to your issues and legal concerns and try to understand your perspective from every angle.

Committed to Accessibility:

Shuttleworth Law Offices is not a mill

and we are not your typical large firm - layered with support staff doing the real work while the attorney avoids personal contact with clients.

At Shuttleworth Law Offices our staff is available to meet with our clients before and after normal business hours and we are willing travel to your home if you cannot come to our office.



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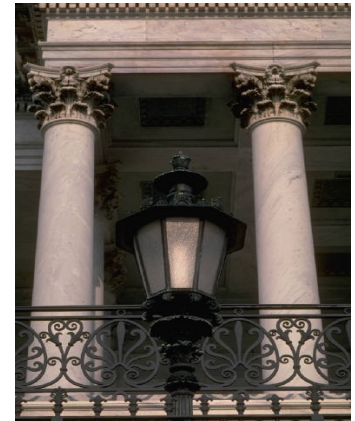
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PROBATE

WHAT IT IS AND HOW TO

AVOID IT



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WHAT PROBATE IS AND REASONS TO AVOID IT

Probate is a process whereby a judge appoints a person (an executor) to collect a decedent's assets, pay their final expenses and then distribute the assets.

Reasons to Avoid Probate:

- ♦ **Very Expensive** - See the next page for the cost of a typical probate.
- ♦ **Attorneys, Judges and a Bureaucracy** - If saying those words alone isn't enough, probate is a public, court supervised, process that typically requires some expertise (attorneys) to make it through the process.
- ♦ **Lengthy** - Probate cases are likely to last 1 - 2 years
- ♦ **Minor children** may not have access to funds in times of need

THE COST OF A TYPICAL PROBATE

Attorneys fees, executors fees, court filing fees and many other related fees are set by law in the California Probate Code. Costs for a typical probate are as follows:

ASSET	VALUE
Single Family Home	550,000
Other Real Property Interests	350,000
Other Personal Property	\$30,000
Total Value	930,000.00
Total Cost to Probate Estate (Attorneys Fees, Executor Fees, Court Fees, Appraisal Fees)	\$43,200.00

AVOIDING PROBATE

The time and expense of probate can be easily avoided with proper planning.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The price of a complete estate plan (Trust, Will, Healthcare Directive and

Power of Attorney for Property and Finances) typically depends upon the value of your estate and the complexity of your plan.. However, simple estate plans for a single person begin at \$800.00 and \$1,200.00 for a married couple..

UNDERSTAND YOUR OPTIONS WITH A FREE CONSULTATION

Meet privately with an attorney and understand your options at absolutely no cost or obligation to you.

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