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Take Probate Off Your To-Do List

Summer often brings a slower pace, making it an ideal time to address important legal matters that are easy to postpone. If you have recently lost a loved one or have been named as a personal representative of an estate, taking the first steps in the probate process now can help prevent unnecessary delays later in the year.

Probate involves gathering assets, paying valid debts, and

distributing property according to a will—or state law if no will exists. While every estate is unique, timely action can help preserve estate assets, minimize complications, and provide peace of mind for family members.

If you're unsure whether probate is necessary or have questions about your responsibilities as a personal representative, experienced legal guidance can make the process significantly easier. The probate

attorneys at Fowler St. Clair are here to help you navigate each step with confidence, efficiency, and compassionate support, allowing you to focus on what matters most—your family.



Breaking News

A recent Kiplinger report warns that outdated or do-it-yourself estate plans are leading to costly probate disputes and unintended inheritances. Estate planning attorneys recommend reviewing wills, trusts, and beneficiary designations after major life events to help ensure your wishes are carried out as intended. (Source: Kiplinger, "Wills Gone Wild: How to Avoid Estate Planning Disasters," published June 24, 2026.)

What Happens If...

You Sign a Contract Without Reading It?

Once you sign a contract, you're generally bound by its terms regardless of whether you read every page. Unnoticed clauses about payment, liability, or dispute resolution can create costly surprises. Proactive legal review and negotiation of a contract can help you avoid expensive problems later.

Leadership Insight

Leadership isn't measured by having all the answers—it's measured by creating trust, making thoughtful decisions, and helping others move forward with confidence. The strongest leaders serve with integrity, communicate clearly, remain accountable, and inspire those around them through consistent actions. Great leadership is built one decision, one relationship, and one example at a time.

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