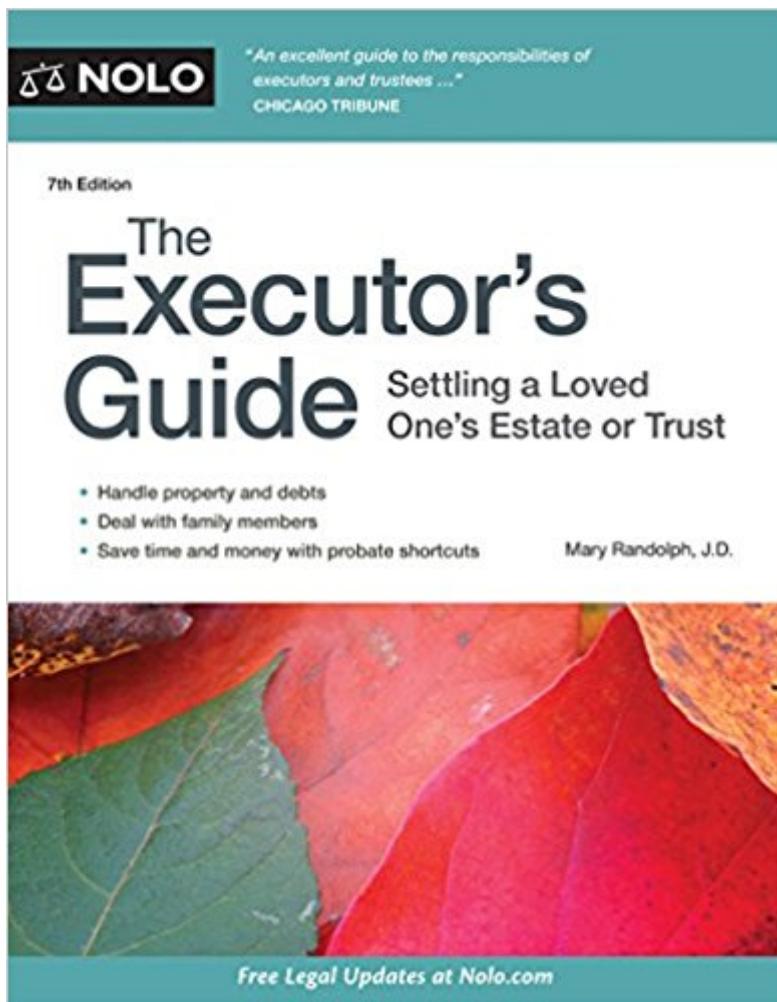


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Executor's Guide, The: Settling A Loved One's Estate Or Trust



Synopsis

The step-by-step guide to serving as an executor. If you need to wrap up the affairs of a loved one who has died, you may feel overwhelmed—especially when you're grieving. But you can do it, and this book will show you how. A roadmap to follow. The Executor's Guide will lead you through an unfamiliar land of legal procedures and terminology. You'll learn what to do right away and what can wait. Find help on: preparing for the job of executor or trustee; the first steps to take; claiming life insurance, Social Security and other benefits; making sense of a will; what to do if there is no will; how to determine whether probate is necessary; filing taxes; probate court proceedings; dealing with family members; handling simple trusts; working with lawyers, appraisers, accountants, and other experts. State-specific information. The 7th edition contains updated tables outlining key points of each state's laws, the latest information on estate taxes, plus worksheets that help you stay organized. Applies in all states except Louisiana.

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"Mary Randolph, an editor at Nolo, a publisher of do-it-yourself legal guides and author of "The Executor's Guide," says it is a good idea to get a lawyer to help unwind a trust, especially if it will hold a significant amount of money. Trust owners can take some steps on their own—for example, going to a bank to change ownership of a trust-owned bank account back into their names

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. Many baby boomers are serving as executors. This book shows exactly what to do NOW to make the job manageable when the time comes. Saves readers time and money

This book was very useful as an introductory text for executors dealing with the most common kind of wills and other matters of testate. It covers ordinary probate and the most common variations. These matters vary state-by-state of course, but if you don't have the good fortune (in a manner of speaking) to live in California or New York, you won't find many monographs written on probate etc in your own state. The author does a very good job of covering the general (Uniform Probate Code & the most common customs in the several States), and she makes well-selected references as well to salient and significant oddities in particular states, with tables etc that make this sort of thing easier to grasp. I recommend Hughes' and Klein's "Executor's Handbook" as well, and in fact it might be a bit easier to read that one first. But both are of great help and in difficult matters such as probate (for laypersons, anyway, who are the readers intended for the books) it's best to get the perspective offered by at least two sources; you'll unlikely want to pay two lawyers (and unless it's a very simple estate, with no possibility of being contested, you'll want a lawyer), so avail yourself of these books.

Sadly I had to read this on my way down to a spare of the moment time. I was an executor and I had to know more about what the job meant and this book did a good job on informing me. Though I wish you had put "Probate" closer to the start of this book as I was confused on the many times you spoke about it during the book. I ended up reading it in way later chapters. This covers many things I had to deal with and was(is) a great source of information. Something every one should read before any issues arise in ones life, as it will help you to prepare the job before some one passes away.

The book gives you knowledge in a lot of areas that would help you prevent headaches after loss. Such as ways to avoid "Probate". I do wish I had read this before hand. But it worked just as well after hand as well. Thank you for the book and your knowledge towards the subject.

Have only read excerpts from this book so far, but it has already helped me immensely. I felt lost and overwhelmed by the task of being Executor, but the book reduced it to human scale and laid a series of small, achievable tasks. Right off the bat, learned that the Estate was considered "small" and therefore qualified for a simplified probate process. That alone justified the purchase price!

Found this book at my local library. It was out of date. Went to to order current copy. Just what I need to get my papers in order. And particular for my family after I am gone. It lays everything out very specifically and explicitly for even this novice. Starts with what to do the first day, gives you information on how to title your holdings, many cross references. How I set things up whether it is in a trust or in a will. I don't have a lot, but this book will give guidance to my heirs. Well worth the price.

I am executor and trustee for an estate. This book was very helpful. Gave me a lot of good information and I refer to it a lot!

As an auctioneer who has a specialty in Estate Liquidation Auctions, this book has been an indispensable reference while working with heirs, executors, and probate courts and lawyers. The information within is concise and complete. It has become a well dog-eared reference that remains close to my desk at all times. Cannot recommend highly enough for anyone dealing with Estates or Trusts!

Very good as all Nolo law books seem to be, but this one lacks some vital information: how to determine whether an estate even needs to be administered at all. After two court visits and a hefty fee to consult an attorney, I finally discovered the one I'd been named for required no executor actions at all.

Unfortunately, we all must face the situation where we are called upon to manage the estate of a deceased family member or friend. When this task is thrust upon us for the first time we are usually totally unprepared to find our way through the maze of procedural and legal issues. So, it was my

good fortune to have taken the chance on this book. I needed help. I had no idea of what to do to process the small estate of my family member. I tried this book since it was from NOLO press, known for making complex legal issues more understandable to the lay person. The author continued this tradition by writing a book that guides you through the executor's duties from the time of the death to the close of probate. It has tables and examples that cover major issues in all states. It defines all of the legal terms so that the average person can understand. It tells you how to handle small claims on your own and when to consult an attorney for more complex matters. Even covered tax issues. This book prepared me for the time when I did have to meet with an attorney. I was able to converse in a knowledgeable manner with the lawyer and this facilitated processing of the estate. I estimate that 99% of my questions were answered by reading this book. The other 1% required legal assistance. This book is highly recommended.

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