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Wills


This module presents the law of wills and succession in the U.S., with special reference to California law. Topics covered includes will formation, challenges to validity of a will, the treatment of spouses and children omitted from a will.

- Video ~ How to Take SVBS Courses
- Video ~ Welcome to our Course on Wills & Succession

Introduction

- Video ~ History & Source of Law
- Video ~ Rules of Interpretation for Wills
- Wills: An Overview
- Reading ~ Top Ten Reasons to Have a Will
- Video ~ What is a Probate?
- Video ~ Does All Property Go Through Probate?
- Video ~ What is an Executor to a Will?
- Q & A ~ Wills ~ Introduction

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Making a Will

- Video ~ Dying Testate
- Video ~ Will Requirements in the U.S. States
- Video ~ Will Formation in California
- Video ~ Can I Write My Own Will?
- Reading ~ What Is a 'Valid Will'?
- Reading ~ Signing & Witnessing a Will
- Reading ~ Example of When a Lawyer Can be Helpful
- Video ~ Do You Need a Lawyer to Prepare a Will?
- Video ~ Why Videotape the Execution of a Will?
- Video ~ Conditional Validity
- Video ~ Holographic (Handwritten) Wills
- Video ~ What Is a Living Will?
- Q & A ~ Wills & Trusts ~ Making a Will

Dividing Property

- What Is "Per Stirpes"?
- What Is "Per Capita"?
- Video ~ Difference Between Per Stirpes & Per Capita?
- Q & A ~ Wills ~ Dividing Property

Probate

- Video ~ What is Probate?
- Reading ~ The Probate Basics
- Reading ~ Probate Court
- Reading ~ Avoiding the Probate Process
- Reading ~ Probate Lawyers
- Reading ~ Avoiding Probate FAQ's
- Q & A ~ Probate

Revoking, Challenging & Changing a Will

- Video ~ Revoking & Reviving a Will
- Changing a Will
- How to Revoke a Will
- Checklist: Reasons to Update Your Will & Estate Planning Documents
- Reasons to Challenge a Will
- Who Can Challenge a Will?
- Video ~ Waivers & Contractual Agreements
- Video ~ Will Contests
- Video ~ Competency to Make a Will
- Video ~ Interested Witnesses
- Video ~ Menace, Fraud & Undue Influence
- Video ~ Ommited Child
- Video ~ Ommited Spouse
- Video ~ Simultaneous Death
- Video ~ A Specific Gift Sold or Destroyed
- Q & A ~ Wills ~ Revoking, Challenging & Changing a Will

Intestacy (Dying without a Will)

- Video ~ Dying Intestate
- What Happens If You Die Without a Will?
- Q & A ~ Wills ~ Intestacy (Dying without a Will)

Community Property

In many states, the rules of Community Property can overrule the wishes of the married testator as expressed in the will. See the course on Community Property for further information on this important topic.

- Video ~ Wills & Community Property

Trusts

Trusts are used for estate planning, alongside wills. See the SVBS course on Trusts for information on this important topic.

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