



## DEALING WITH A PERSON'S ESTATE

### Wills

Firstly try and establish if there is a Will and if yes try and locate the original Will. If a Will exists, the executor who is a person named in the Will needs to take out probate. If no Will exists or no executor has been appointed, an Administrator may be appointed and the courts issue a document known as *Letters of Administration*.

Where the estate is complex, it may be advisable to appoint a solicitor. If matters are straightforward the executor/administrator may decide to make a personal application for probate.

Where there is a Will, the assets will be divided in accordance with the terms of the Will subject to the rights of a spouse, civil partner and in some cases children.

Where no Will is in place, the estate is divided based on legal rights such as;

- Legal right share
- Renouncing or losing rights under a will
- Rights of children
- Intestacy
- Rights of qualified cohabitants
- Taking out probate
- Appointing an Administrator
- Objections or caveats
- Personal applications for a Grant of Probate

Other issues that may require clarification on relate to

- Duties of executor/administrator
- The family home
- Dealing with deceased's debts
- Social welfare recipients

### List of District Probate Registries in Ireland.

OFFICE	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Castlebar	The Courthouse, Breaffy Rd, Castlebar, Co Mayo	(094) 904 3802
Cavan	The Courthouse, Farnham St, Cavan	(049) 433 1530
Clonmel	The Courthouse, Clonmel, Co Tipperary	(052) 612 9183
Cork	The Courthouse, Washington St, Cork	(021) 427 1223
Dundalk	The Courthouse, Market Sq, Dundalk, Co Louth	(042) 939 2300
Galway	The Courthouse, Courthouse Sq, Galway	(091) 511 500
Kilkenny	The Courthouse, Parliament St, Kilkenny	(056) 722 2073
Letterkenny	The Courthouse, Letterkenny, Co Donegal	(074) 912 8711
Limerick	The Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, Limerick	(061) 414 655
Mullingar	The Courthouse, Mount St, Mullingar, Co Westmeath	(044) 934 8315
Sligo	The Courthouse, Sligo	(071) 91 42228
Tralee	The Courthouse, Ashe St, Tralee, Co Kerry	(066) 712 1998
Waterford	The Courthouse, Catherine St, Waterford	(051) 874 144
Wexford	The Courthouse, County Hall, Wexford	(053) 912 2329