Houston Probate Attorney Whitney L. Thompson Discusses the Steps to Reduce the Risk of Probate Litigation

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Houston probate attorney Whitney L. Thompson (https://www.wthompsonlaw.com/taking-steps-to-reduce-the-risk-of-probate-litigation/) releases a new article explaining the steps to reduce the risk of probate litigation in Texas. The lawyer mentions that there are a number of family circumstances that can increase the risk of probate litigation. The two fundamental reasons that may increase the likelihood of probate litigation are families who disagree with how to handle a mentally incapacitated family member and disagreements regarding the dissolution of the estate.

?Probate litigation often involves estates with self-prepared estate documents. Handwritten forms from online resources lead to many mistakes that a layperson cannot foresee. Money that winds up litigating over defectively drafted documents most often far exceeds the cost of hiring an estate planning attorney to prepare your documents correctly,? the Houston probate attorney says.

The lawyer says that it is important to be hyper-realistic about the family dynamics in order to reduce the chance of probate litigation. This situation can often be difficult for parents because it could mean that they are owning up to the sibling rivalry and identifying hostilities in blended family situations. This is why it is recommended to select a trusted but neutral third-party to administer the estate.

Attorney Whitney L. Thompson adds that fiduciaries can exist in many forms. These forms include being patient advocates, guardians, and personal representatives of an estate and trustees. These individuals must make important legal, medical, or financial decisions for the benefit of others.

In the article, attorney Thompson adds, ?A layperson who makes these decisions may unintentionally violate their fiduciary duties from a legal perspective, often leading to litigation. It is best to consult your estate

planning attorney when appointing your fiduciaries to understand the rules and role they will fulfill.?

Lastly, the lawyer emphasizes the importance of having a skilled probate attorney when dealing with matters involving the probate process. Having an experienced estate attorney may be able to help an individual understand their rights and help them prepare for the future of their loved ones.

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