



## **Navigating Nichols Hills: Cortes Law Firm Smooths the Path to Probating a Loved Ones Estate**

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Cortes Law Firm is excited to announce its full range of services for probate law in Nichols Hills, Oklahoma. With more than 25 years of experience, the firm has built a strong reputation in estate planning, probate law, and administration law. They focus on clarity and support to help clients manage the often complicated probate process. More details about their services can be found on their website [corteslawfirm.com](http://corteslawfirm.com), where they offer valuable resources for those in need of guidance.

Probate is all about making sure a deceased person's estate is handled according to their wishes. This process checks if there is a Last Will, a pour-over will, or if the person died without a will, which is known as dying intestate. Probate can take a long time, sometimes lasting from months to years, especially if there are disagreements among those involved. Led by highly-rated attorney Stephen L. Cortes, the Cortes Law Firm is well-prepared to manage these challenges, offering clients peace of mind during tough times.

To kick off the probate process, an attorney from the firm meets with clients to draft an initial Petition for

Probate. Once the petition is approved by the client, it gets filed with the Oklahoma County Court Clerk. The court then sets a hearing date to address important issues, like the validity of the will and identifying the rightful heirs or beneficiaries. It's necessary to appoint the Personal Representative to manage the estate correctly.

"The probate process can be overwhelming without proper guidance. That's why we at Cortes Law Firm work closely with our clients each step of the way to make the process smoother and tackle any conflicts that might come up," says Steve Cortes, who leads the firm.

The Personal Representative has a big job. They manage the deceased's assets, pay off any debts, and make sure the remaining assets go to the heirs. Creditor claims get special attention, with creditors given a 60-day period to present their claims after a Notice to Creditors is published. The Personal Representative reviews these claims, and court approval is needed before making any payments.

Besides handling probate cases, the firm offers advice on how to avoid probate. They suggest tactics such as a revocable living trust-based estate plan or using tools like transfer on death (TOD) and beneficiary designations. These methods help assets bypass the probate process and go straight to beneficiaries, forming part of the firm's all-encompassing estate management approach. For those interested in learning more, the firm has shared educational material through its YouTube channel with accessible content for all levels of understanding.

Cortes Law Firm Nichols Hills is conveniently located in Oklahoma City, making their services easily available. They serve a large area, including Nichols Hills, Lawton, Edmond, Purcell, and Midwest City. This ensures that residents across Oklahoma have access to their expert management of estate matters. Additional details about their services and community involvement can be explored via their Google Site providing further insights into their operations.

"We believe that thorough preparation and clear guidance can transform the probate and estate planning experience. Our aim is to ease stress and uncertainty for families by providing solutions that meet each client's goals and needs," Steve Cortes highlights.

Cortes Law Firm Nichols Hills also offers online resources for clients and those interested in understanding the probate process. Their YouTube playlist titled "Nichols Hills" includes five informative videos that cover various aspects of probate law, helping viewers get a better grasp of estate matters.

The Cortes Law Firm Nichols Hills Probate Lawyer emphasizes how essential legal expertise is in handling these complex tasks. For more information about their services and to access their resource links, clients can visit their Google Site and YouTube channel. This ensures they have access to relevant and current

information.

By combining customer service with deep legal knowledge, the Cortes Law Firm continues to make a positive impact on estate planning and probate law in Oklahoma. They focus on personalized service and legal excellence, which has helped them earn a respected reputation in Nichols Hills and beyond.

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*Cortes Law Firm, based in Oklahoma City, guides families through probate, estate administration, and planning. Led by Stephen L. Cortes, the firm is known for clear communication, client focus, and community commitment.*

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