Cortes Law Firm Releases Educational Guide Explaining Probate Process

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Cortes Law Firm, an Oklahoma City-based estate planning and probate practice, announces an educational initiative designed to help families understand and navigate the often-complex probate process in Oklahoma. The initiative includes educational materials and guidance for executors and beneficiaries dealing with estate administration following the loss of a loved one.

The announcement comes as many Oklahoma families face increasing challenges in understanding probate requirements, estate tax implications, and the proper procedures for transferring assets after death. With over 25 years of experience in Oklahoma probate law, the Cortes Law Firm recognizes the need for accessible, clear information to help families during difficult times.

The educational resources cover essential topics, including will validation and execution, estate administration and asset distribution, intestate succession handling, small estate affidavit assistance, and estate tax planning. The firm has developed these materials based on common questions and concerns encountered during its extensive practice in probate and trust administration throughout Oklahoma.

"When families lose a loved one, they're already dealing with grief and emotional stress," said Stephen Cortes, lead attorney at the firm. "The last thing they need is confusion about legal procedures. Our educational initiative aims to demystify the probate process and provide families with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about estate administration."

Probate procedures in Oklahoma require careful attention to detail and adherence to specific legal requirements. The process typically involves court filing, asset management, debt resolution, and proper distribution to beneficiaries. Without proper guidance, families may face unnecessary delays, increased costs, or potential legal disputes among heirs.

The firm's educational materials also address recent changes in estate tax laws, noting that while Oklahoma no longer imposes a state estate tax, federal estate tax considerations remain important for larger estates. The current federal estate tax exemption stands at over $11 million per person, but proper planning remains crucial for protecting family assets and ensuring smooth transfers to beneficiaries.

Stephen Cortes brings unique expertise to this initiative, having served as General Counsel for Governor Henry and accumulating over two decades of experience in both public and private sector legal practice. His background in estate planning, probate litigation, and trust administration provides valuable insights into the challenges families face during estate settlement.

The educational resources complement Cortes Law Firm's existing client services, which include comprehensive estate planning, will and trust preparation, probate administration, and representation of executors and administrators. The firm maintains a client-centered approach, developing long-term relationships with families to ensure their estate planning documents function as intended.

Cortes Law Firm has established itself as a resource for Oklahoma families navigating probate and estate planning matters. The firm's central location in Oklahoma City, off North Broadway Extension, allows convenient access for clients throughout the metropolitan area and surrounding counties. With a strong emphasis on professionalism, responsiveness, and expertise, the firm continues to serve families during some of their most challenging times. Individuals seeking guidance on probate or estate planning can contact Cortes Law Firm at (405) 213-0856 or visit their website for more information.

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