

Probate

Straight Talk on Probate Matters

Andrews Kurth counsels executors, administrators and beneficiaries in all areas of probate and trust administration. We facilitate having wills admitted to probate, and appointment of executors and administrators. We facilitate in the preparation of estate tax returns. We will help settle and close the estate of a decedent and facilitate the distribution to beneficiaries thereof.

Known for our representation in the unprecedented Howard Hughes estate, our lawyers assist individuals and families to prevent probate challenges, as well as manage contentious issues that may emerge. We represent trustees, advise on the administration of trusts and facilitate in the reformation of trusts.

Backed by a litigation team experienced in all contested probate court proceedings, estate tax disputes, and complex conflicts among beneficiaries, executors and trustees, Andrews Kurth counsels on probate, trusts and their administration including :

- Amending irrevocable trusts
- Children's and irrevocable trusts and their administration
- Trustee appointments
- Funding of trusts
- Estate tax returns, gift tax returns, IRS audits and disputes
- Contested wills
- Appointments of executors and letters testamentary
- Estate and trust wind-ups
- Declarations of heirship

Andrews Kurth lawyers guide clients through the all stages of probate and trust administration, including on the numerous tax liabilities and problems with beneficiaries and special assets that can arise. We counsel on ways to avoid probate, contests and, when applicable, we suggest alternatives to the probate process.