Probate Defined

Many estates will go through probate in court after a person dies. The legal process for determining how a person's property and debts are handled after death is known as "probate." Generally, probate law determines how a decedent's property should be collected and managed, how and when his or her debts should be paid, and who is entitled to their remaining property. Please note the County Judge and court staff cannot give legal advice or answer legal questions. If you need legal advice, you should consult with an attorney.