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Probate Preparation Checklist

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Steps to open and manage probate efficiently.

Open

Located the original will

Filed the petition with the probate court

Obtained Letters Testamentary / of Administration

Administer

Inventoried and valued estate assets

Notified creditors and paid valid debts

Filed required accountings

Distributed assets and closed the estate

Notes

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