

Probate: Wills Research Guide

Overview

This research guide contains information and resources related to Wills in Texas. For information of independent or dependent administration, please see a separate handout. The resources listed below are not exhaustive, and there may be additional resources not included.

Statutes & Codes

Texas Estates Code / Texas Legislature
www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

- Texas Estates Code, Subtitle F: Wills

Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated

- Estates Vol. 2 - Chapters 251-258 Wills

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Transaction Guide KFT 1268 .K45

- Unit 2 - Wills and Trusts, Ch. 42 Complete Wills and Codicils

Davenport's Texas Wills and Estate Planning Legal Forms KFT 1344 R8

Texas Probate Forms & Procedures KFT 1344 .T4B7

Dorsaneo's Texas Litigation Guide KFT 1730 .T4

- Ch. 394 - Will Construction
- Ch. 392 - Admitting Wills to Probate

Wills Road Map: Practical Considerations in Will Drafting KFT 1344 .A95 (Davenport Press
www.davenportpress.org)

Texas Estate Planning KFT 1340 .T49

- Vol. 1, Ch. 10 Wills

CLE Materials

Advanced Estate Planning and Probate KFT 1340.A75S

- 2016 Ch. 14: Defenses to a Will Contest by Philip M. Lindquist
- 2016 Ch. 15: Will Reformations and Will Constructions by David C. Bakutis
- 2014 Ch. 1: Morals from the Courthouse: A Study of Recent Texas Cases Impacting the Wills, Probate, and Trust Practice by Gerry W. Beyer, Section III - Wills, p. 2-3.

Texas Probate Passport: Wills, Estates, Power of

Online Resources

Attorney, _____ and _____ Probate:
<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/texas-probate-passport-wills-estates-power-attorney-and-probate>

Wills & Estates: <https://texaslawhelp.org/money-debt/wills-estate-planning>

Self-Proving _____ Wills _____ in _____ Texas:
<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/self-proving-wills-in-texas>

Texas State Law Library - Research Guide - Wills
<https://guides.sll.texas.gov/legal-forms/wills-estates>

Handwritten _____ Wills _____ (article)
<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/do-it-yourself-guide-handwritten-wills>

Sample Will for Individual with children who is single, divorced, _____ or _____ widowed
<https://texaslawhelp.org/form/will-single-widowed-or-divorced-with-children>

Legal Assistance

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions
(free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral
Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)**

