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“HOW TO PROBATE A LAST WILL & TESTAMENT IN THE BERGEN COUNTY SURROGATE’S COURT”

Bergen County Surrogate Michael R. Dressler has printed English, Korean and Spanish versions of the fifth edition of a booklet entitled “How to Probate a Last Will & Testament in the Bergen County Surrogate’s Court.”



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The 2018 edition includes important information on how the Passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act as well as recent changes to New Jersey estate tax law (N.J.S.A. 54:38-1 et seq.) affect various estates, as well as a section on taking your digital assets into consideration and new *Frequently Asked Questions* regarding a POLST Form and a Funeral Agent, both of which have been brought up by local residents in meetings throughout the County.

Before this edition, the most recent upgrade in 2015 included four additional sections on Federal Estate Tax, Frequently Asked Questions, Outreach, and The History of the Court. These editions also include an important clarification in the matter of executor commissions in the State of New Jersey stating that “executor commissions are only allowable on ‘probate assets’ and on real estate which comes into the hands of the executor.”

“I have published several editions this booklet in English, Korean and Spanish to help the residents of Bergen County to plan for the legacy that they have worked their entire lives to achieve, and I am pleased that they are so popular,” said Bergen County Surrogate Michael R. Dressler. “The last thing I want is for someone to reach my office and to have not had an opportunity to review critical information, or to find out that their recently deceased loved ones were not prepared.”