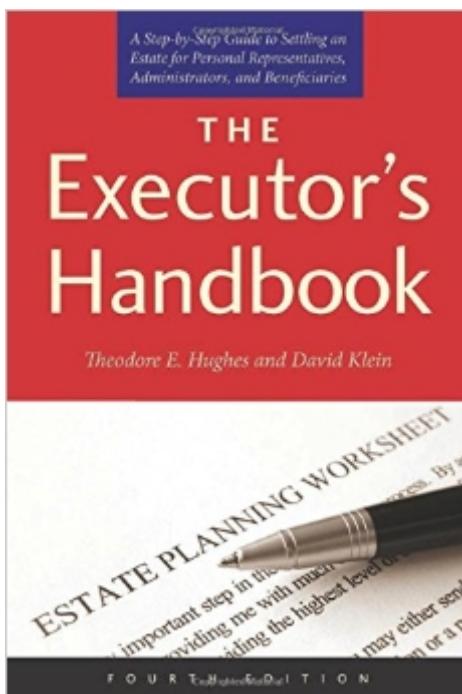


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# The Executor's Handbook: A Step-by-Step Guide To Settling An Estate For Personal Representatives, Administrators, And Beneficiaries, Fourth Edition



## **Synopsis**

Acting as the executor, representative, or administrator of an estate is a complicated and time-consuming task, not only in an administrative sense but often in an emotional sense as well. The Executorâ™s Handbook, Fourth Edition is a comprehensive guide for readers who need help understanding the basics of the procedures that settle an estate. In practical and straightforward language, it covers all aspects of estate administration, including funeral arrangements, organ donation, administering probate, dealing with the deceased's assets and liabilities, and personal representative's compensation. You will understand not only your responsibilities but the responsibilities of those who will be assisting you. Tables of state income tax rates, intestacy laws, and state-by-state probate requirements are also included, and a glossary, index, and list of recommended works complete this handbook.

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This is a super-helpful book, not only for anyone who is (or someday may be) an executor, but also for everyone who wants to name an executor to administer his estate someday. I recommend that you read this book long before you think you may actually need it, so that you can take the time to digest the information and do what you can to prepare ahead of time. The book is written in easy-to-understand terms, with lots of good practical advice. I left one star off because, as a tax professional, I thought some of the tax-related information could have been more thorough. To get a more complete picture of an executor's duties and responsibilities from a tax standpoint, you may want to request IRS publication 559, "Survivors, Executors, and Administrators" (free from the IRS

website). This book and Pub. 559 together will give you plenty of good, useful information.

We used this book for our father's estate. The book had many useful tips and things to do for people who weren't sure of all the important things expected and needed to settle an estate. We liked it so much, I bought this book for a friend who was handling a new estate.

Excellent book. I read it through and it was nicely written so that a person could easily understand what was being said and how to really go about handling things. I actually bought it to place in my file cabinet along with my Trust documents, Living Will and other documents. I figured that my son would appreciate a little bit of guidance when the time comes for him to deal with this.

This book might be good years before a death when you're trying to make plans but after a death needing questions answered about what needs to be taken care of, how soon and the variations state-to-state it was not helpful.

Very clearly written, a good overview of probate and related matters nation-wide. Rather more useful as a first text than Mary Randolph's NOLO "Executor's Guide", but that book is very useful as well and I recommend that laypersons confronted with ordinary executorship and probate get both books, read them and keep them on hand.

This is a very useful book to inform an individual what is expected if you are being considered, or are chosen as an executor for someone's estate. There were aspects of the process of which I was unaware, so I can be more prepared if and when I have to deal with those issues.

This book covers all aspects of estate settlement in a complete and thorough manner. I found it brought out many areas that I had not even considered, even covering many aspects of estate planning as they would ultimately affect the heirs. Recommended reading.

Anyone who wants to know about executor duties and responsibilities needs this book.

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