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## Understanding the Probate Process: Why Probate is Not a Four-Letter Word

Probate is often thought of as a process that is best avoided. There certainly are situations in which probate is not necessary, but it is surprising for some to learn there are benefits which can only be gained by engaging in the probate process. In most cases, probate is an easy and straightforward process. Unfortunately, it seems the probates that get discussed are not the ones that go smoothly, but rather the situations in which something unexpected occurs. It is best to understand the process before automatically assuming probate should be avoided.

Probate is a court-supervised, three-step process for first identifying and gathering the assets of a deceased person (the "decedent"), then paying the decedent's debts, and finally distributing the decedent's assets to his or her beneficiaries. In general, the decedent's estate assets are used first to pay the decedent's outstanding debts and the remainder is distributed to the decedent's beneficiaries.

There are two main types of probate administration under Florida law: formal administration and summary administration. There is also a non-court supervised administration proceeding called "Disposition of Personal Property without Administration." However; this type of administration applies only in very limited circumstances.

Probate is required to transfer title of assets which are titled in the name of the deceased individual (not in a trust) and do not have a designated beneficiary or co-owner. If there is a valid will, the assets will be distributed according to the instructions in the will. If there is not a will or trust (the legal term for this is dying "intestate"), the assets will be...

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## One Senior Place Workshops



Located at:  
715 Douglas Ave  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

### Elder Law Workshops:

**The Truth about Medicaid Planning**  
Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

**The Trust about Medicaid Planning**  
Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

### Estate Planning Workshops:

**The Truth about Estate Planning**  
Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

**The Truth about Estate Planning**  
Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

### Upcoming Specialty Workshop:

**All My Children Wear Fur Coats - How to  
Leave a Legacy For Your Pets**  
Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.



Animal companions... your pets... "your children." Whatever you call them, they are dearly loved family members. We invite you to join us to explore all the alternatives for protecting your pets. Seating is limited.

Location: 254 Plaza Drive, Oviedo, FL 32765. Call 407-977-8080 to register today!

## UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

**The Truth About Medicaid Planning**  
Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

**The Truth About Estate Planning**  
Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

**Facebook Advertising Specialty Workshop**  
Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**All My Children Wear Fur Coats**  
Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**Office Closed - Labor Day**  
Monday, September 5, 2016

### OCTOBER

**Professional Advisor Lunch & Learn**  
Topic: Able Accounts  
Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

**The Truth About Medicaid Planning**  
Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

**The Truth About Estate Planning**  
Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**Special People, Special Planning**  
Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

**Professional Advisor Lunch & Learn**  
Topic: Forms of Ownership and How They Affect  
Your Client's Estate Planning  
Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

**The Truth About Medicaid Planning**  
Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

**The Truth About Estate Planning**  
Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

**Truth About VA Benefit Planning**  
Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday**  
Thursday, November 24, 2016 and  
Friday, November 25, 2016

All public workshops are complimentary and are held in our Learning Center.  
To RSVP please call 407-977-8080 or visit [HoytBryan.com](http://HoytBryan.com) for more information.

## Vegetarian Italian Pasta Skillet

- 1 1/3 cups frozen sausage-style soy-protein crumbles
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped onion
- 1 can (18.5 oz) Light Italian-style vegetable soup
- 3/4 cup uncooked bow-tie
- 2 cups fresh baby spinach leaves
- 1/4 cup shredded mozzarella or Parmesan cheese



1. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, cook soy crumbles, mushrooms and onion over medium-high heat 4 to 6 minutes, stirring frequently, until crumbles are hot and vegetables are tender.
2. Stir in soup. Cover; heat to boiling. Stir in pasta; reduce heat to medium-low. Cover; simmer 10 minutes.
3. Add spinach; cook uncovered 3 to 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until spinach is hot and just begins to wilt. Sprinkle with cheese.



**Save The Date:**  
**Hoyt & Bryan**  
**10th Annual Holiday Open House**  
**Thursday, December 1, 2016**  
**12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Reservation Required.**  
**Please Call 407-977-8080 for more information or to RSVP!**

**Hoyt & Bryan will be supporting Toys for Tots and Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando this holiday season. More information on requested donations to follow.**



## C.A.T.S. - C.A.N., INC.



**Lending a Helping Paw...**  
**Elsa**

**Size: Medium**  
**Age: 2 Years**  
**Gender: Female**

**Elsa and her four sisters were rescued by an animal lover when someone dumped their pregnant mama at a store. She then gave birth two days later to Elsa and her siblings. Elsa is very outgoing and friendly.**

**If you are interested in adopting Elsa or to make a donation please email [KittyRescueTNR@gmail.com](mailto:KittyRescueTNR@gmail.com).**