

Introduction to the 2025-2026 Edition

An estate planning and probate practice in Arizona requires the practitioner to understand a wide range of legal issues, from lifetime planning, to administration of trusts and estates after death, to litigation. The purpose of the *Arizona Estate Planning and Probate Handbook* is to guide the practitioner through the key areas and issues they may face on a day-to-day basis. The main topics covered in the book are:

- Fundamental matters of planning and practicing
- Healthcare and end of life decisions
- Intestate succession and wills
- Probate of wills and estate administration for domestic and foreign personal representatives
- Guardianships, conservatorships, and powers of attorney
- Non-probate transfer issues
- Disclaimers
- Abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable adults
- Arizona Trust Code

Each topic is presented by covering the relevant statutes, court rules, and caselaw. Analysis of these sources is also provided. In addition, the handbook contains forms and practice points to give the practitioner practical tools to use to advance his or her client's case. The 2024-2025 Edition is current through June, 2024, and includes updates to reflect the changes to the Arizona Rules of Probate Procedure, effective January 1, 2024.