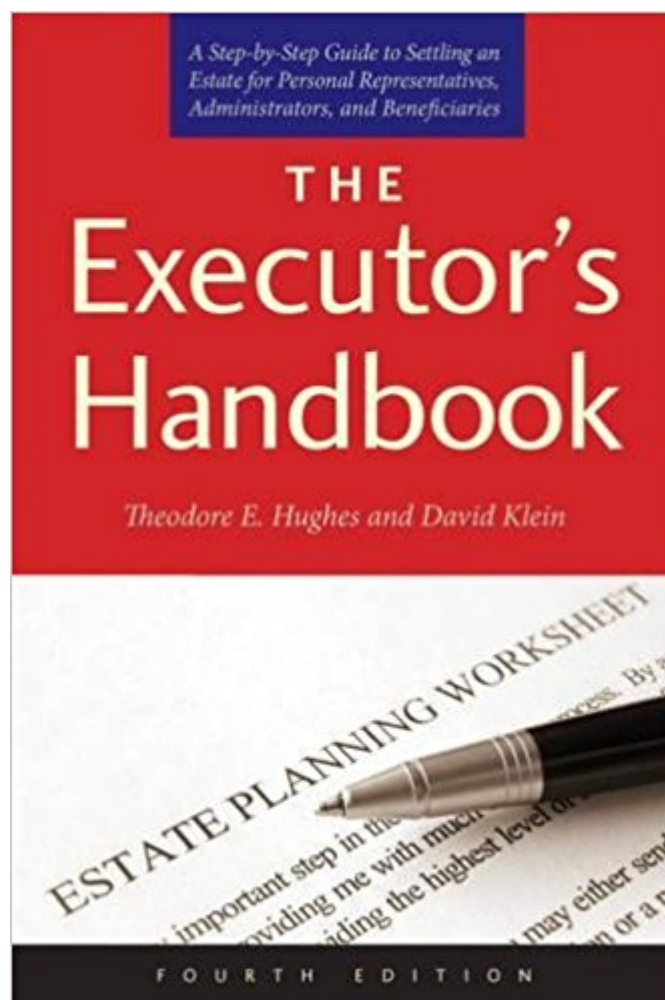


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# The Executor's Handbook: A Step-by-Step Guide To Settling An Estate For Personal Representatives, Administrators, And Beneficiaries, Fourth Edition





## 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 Executor'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 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.

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.

Great information. Haven't started the Probate process yet, but at least it gives me some idea of what I'm up against.

Some great tips and advice for executor's. Nice to have some guidance.

Excellent source of guidance for people that are going to perform the executor's process of a deceased's will.

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.

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Very helpful. My husband has been using it and it is full of valuable information. Highly recommend.

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