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### **SEMINAR OUTLINE**

Day T

June 14 – Tulsa

June 18 – Oklahoma City

Process, Initial Steps, Executor Mistakes, Assets and Wills

### I. Probate Process and Procedure - Clarified 8:30 - 9:20, Written by James W. Carlton Jr.

Presented by Joseph R. Wells in Tulsa and James W. Carlton Jr. in Oklahoma City.

- A. Jurisdiction and Venue Issues
- B. Laws of Intestacy/Heirship; Exceptions
- C. Situs vs. Ancillary
- D. Process and Procedures: Informal vs. Formal
- E. Initial Steps in the Process
- F. Executor Appointment; Taxpayer ID
- G. Letter of Administration
- H. Sample Executor Letter to Beneficiaries
- I. Sample Forms and Documents

### II. Law Update; Rule Changes; Recent Developments

9:20 - 10:10, Written by Joseph R. Wells. Presented by Joseph R. Wells in Tulsa and James W. Carlton Jr. in Oklahoma City.

### III. Is Probate Necessary? Alternatives and Avoidance

10:25 - 11:15, Written by Sandra J. Alexander. Presented by Sandra J. Alexander in Tulsa and James W. Carlton Jr. in Oklahoma City.

### IV. PROBATE VS. NON PROBATE ASSETS - Which Ones Can Pass Outside of Probate?

11:15 - 12:05, Written by Sandra J. Alexander. Presented by Sandra J. Alexander in Tulsa and Glenn Brown in Oklahoma City.

### V. INITIAL CONFERENCE and Hearing -Timeline, Documents, Statements and Complications

1:05 - 1:55, Written by Glenn Brown. Presented by Sandra J. Alexander in Tulsa and Glenn Brown in Oklahoma City.

### VI. ESTATE ADMINISTRATION: Ensuring Executors Know Their Duties

1:55 - 2:45, Written and presented by Tyler R. Barrett in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

- A. Informing PR of Duties (w/ Sample Forms and Documents)
- B. Top Mistakes EXECUTORs Make
- C. Liability Landmines
- D. Dealing with the Unprofessional Administrator
- E. How Much Compensation Should They Receive?

#### VII. WILLS:

### Proving Validity, Petitioning and Top Problems

3:00 - 3:50, Written and presented by Emily E. Crain and Terrell Monks in Tulsa and Tyler R. Barrett in Oklahoma City.

- A. State Law, Review and Proving Validity Issues
- B. Petition to Admit Will to Probate
- C. Handling Lost Wills, Partial Revocations
- D. Spousal Election Against Will/Contests
- E. Payment of Death Taxes Will Requirement (Non Probate Property Subject to Tax)
- F. Wills Without Required Formalities

### VIII. ASSETS:

### How to Inventory, Locate, Secure, Value and Manage

3:50 - 4:40, Written and presented by Emily E. Crain and Terrell Monks in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

- A. Early Distribution of Assets?
- B. Procedures to Locate and Marshall
- C. Sample Forms; Documents
- D. Valuation Methods, Appraisals
- E. Valuing Property
- F. Assets w/ Negative Equity
- G. Reporting of Annuities
- H. Difficult, Non-Divisible, Joint, Hidden and Unusual Assets
- 401ks, IRAs, Pensions, Stocks and Retirement Plans
- J. Loaned Items

Day 2 — June 15 – Tulsa

June 19 – Oklahoma City

Disputes, Final Accounting, Insolvent Estates, Creditor Issues, Trusts and Probate Problems

### IX. When the Love is Gone ...

### Tips for Resolving FAMILY DISPUTES in Probate

8:30 - 9:20, Written and presented by Douglas M. Gierhart in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

### X. FINAL ACCOUNTING and Filing TAX RETURNS

9:20 - 10:20, Written and presented by Douglas M. Gierhart in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

#### XI. CREDITOR CLAIM Conundrums

10:35 - 11:35, Written and presented by Catherine Welsh in Tulsa and Cory B. Hicks in Oklahoma City.

- A. Claim Notice, Priority, Rights and Rejection
- B. What Constitutes a Creditor's Claim?
- C. Actions Required to Present a Claim
- D. Secured vs. Unsecured Claims
- E. Interest on Claims
- F. Common Creditor Issues in a Solvent Estate
- G. Why Advertise for Claimants and/or Creditors Even if no Formal Administration?
- H. Creditor's Ability to Create a Probate Estate

### XII. INSOLVENT Estates -How to Handle Them

11:35 - 12:15, Written and presented by Catherine Welsh in Tulsa and Cory B. Hicks in Oklahoma City.

### XIII. Handling DISTRIBUTIONS and Closing the Estate Without a Hitch

1:15 - 2:15, Written and presented by Catherine Welsh in Tulsa and L. David McBride in Oklahoma City.

- A. Preparation, Obtaining Releases and Waivers
- B. Orders, Timing of Distributions, Releases
- C. Mitigating Distribution-Related Tax Consequences
- D. When Beneficiaries are Minors
- E. Partial Distributions, Disclaimers and Divestment Traps

- F. Alternative Methods: Knowing Your Options
- G. Ensuring Thorough Accounting and Settlement of the Estate
- H. Extending, Closing and Re-Opening an Estate

### XIV. Ethical Practice Considerations and Concerns in Probate

2:15 - 3:15, Written and presented by Catherine Welsh in Tulsa and L. David McBride in Oklahoma City.

- A. Attorney Fee Agreements
- B. Financial Abuse of the Elderly and Disabled
- C. Treatment of Fiduciaries (Executors vs. Trustees)
- D. Removing/Discharging PR for Dilatory Conduct
- E. Attorneys' Obligations to Executor and Opposing Parties
- F. Attorneys or Attorneys' Relatives Named as Beneficiaries

#### XV. Top PROBLEMS in Probate

3:30 - 4:40, Written and presented by James C. Milton in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

- A. Locating Unknown/Missing Heirs -Best Methods
- B. Intestate Estates
- C. Death of a Business Owner/Valuation Issues
- D. Pre-Mortem Probate
- E. Property: Exempt; Marital; Homestead
- F. Real Estate Tied Up Due to Numerous Intestate Heirs
- G. Taking of Personal Property Upon Death
- H. Special Proceedings

(Petition to Sell House, Partition Proceedings)

- I. Proving Distributees After Death (Not by Decedent)
- \*If needed, the above agenda may be changed to best accommodate all of our attendees.

### TULSA

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Program

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