

Handling a Small Estate

Below you will find links to resources about handling a small estate. Additionally, you can find information on how to seek aid from a lawyer, if needed. Some areas of the state have more information than others. You may wish to look at information from other areas in addition to your own.

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“Estate” means the belongings of a person who has died. Under Tennessee law, there are simplified rules for handling a small estate. A “small estate” is one in which the total value of the personal property of the estate is \$50,000 or less. Many county probate courts have forms online to help you handle a small estate.

Nashville

https://circuitclerk.nashville.gov/wp-content/uploads/formpro_Estatesma...

Memphis

<https://www.shelbycountyttn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4918/Small-Estate-Packet?bidId=>

Chattanooga

<https://www.hamiltontn.gov/ClerkMasterForms/default.htm>

Legal Advice:

[TN Free Legal Answers](#)

If you are in Tennessee, the website, Free Legal Answers, allows you to ask a lawyer for help with a legal issue at no cost. It is fast and easy, and all you need is a computer. This is a FREE service for people who cannot afford a lawyer.

How it works:

- You will answer a few questions to see if you qualify for their service. If you qualify, you will have the option to create an account.
- If you are eligible, you can ask their volunteer attorneys a non-criminal legal question.
- Once your question receives a response, you will get an email. You will need to sign into the website to read your response and ask any additional questions.

Visit <https://tn.freelegalanswers.org/> to sign up.

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