

This resource list provides online legal resources for what happens after death and how to prepare for final arrangements.

For assistance in locating these or other resources, including books in our comprehensive print collection, please contact the Reference Desk at: [AskNow](#) (Livechat), reference@lalawlibrary.org, or [213-785-2513](tel:213-785-2513).

Online Classes – LA Law Library:

Live Zoom: Ask a Lawyer: How Property Transfers After Death & How to Plan Ahead

Join a live question and answer session with an experienced probate (inheritance) and wills & trusts (estate planning) attorney. Subjects covered will include how to ensure that your money and property pass to your heirs the way you want and with as little trouble and expense as possible (wills and trusts or estate planning), and the legal process of distributing a person's cash, property, and other assets after they die (probate and inheritance). Attend and ask questions about how to plan ahead for yourself or a family member, or figure out what to do after a loved one's death. <https://www.lalawlibrary.org/ask-a-lawyer>

On-Demand: Do I Need a Power of Attorney or Conservatorship?

<https://www.lalawlibrary.org/hidden-classes/1776-on-demand-do-i-need-a-power-of-attorney-or-a-conservatorship>.

On-Demand: Don't Wait: Plan for Disability & End of Life Decisions

<https://www.lalawlibrary.org/hidden-classes/1727-on-demand-don-t-wait-plan-for-disability-and-end-of-life-decisions>.

On-Demand: Probate & Inheritance: Where You Begin

<https://www.lalawlibrary.org/hidden-classes/1525-probate-inheritance-where-you-begin-online>

On-Demand: Wills & Trusts: Where You Begin

<https://www.lalawlibrary.org/hidden-classes/1548-wills-trusts-where-you-begin>

Video a la Carta: ¿Necesito un Poder de Representación o una Curatela?

<https://www.lalawlibrary.org/hidden-classes/1785-on-demand-necesito-un-poder-de-representacion-o-una-curatela>.

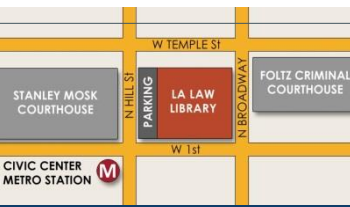
Online & Print Resources – LA Law Library:

California Forms of Pleading and Practice Annotated (also available on LexisAdvance and the LexisNexis Digital Library)

- [RR KFC1010 .A65 C3](#)

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[California Legal Forms: Transaction Guide: Ch. 69, "Charitable Donations" \(also available on LexisAdvance and the LexisNexis Digital Library\)](#)

- [RR KFC68 .C32](#)

[Corpus Juris Secundum \(CJS\): Vol. 25, Dead Bodies, §§1-9 \(also available on Westlaw\)](#)

- [RR KF154 .C56](#)

[Estate Planning Basics](#)

- [SHC KF746 .A3 E83](#)

[Every California's Guide to Estate Planning: Wills, Trusts, and Everything Else](#)

- [SHC KFC195 .E94](#)

[Plan Your Estate](#)

- [SHC KF750 .Z9 P565](#)

[Quick & Legal Will Book](#)

- [SHC KF755 .A65 Q85](#)

[Witkin: Summary of California Law: Vol.13. Personal Property. §5 et seq. \(also available on Westlaw\)](#)

- [RR KF154 .C56](#)

[Online Resources and Forms:](#)

[California Department of Consumer Affairs: Cemetery and Funeral Bureau](#)

- Complaints against funerary service providers: <https://www.cfb.ca.gov/consumer/complaints.shtml>
- Consumer Guide to Funeral and Cemetery Purchases: <https://www.cfb.ca.gov/consumer/funeral.shtml>
- DCA license search (to verify license of service provider): <https://search.dca.ca.gov/?BD=22>
- Enforcement and disciplinary actions: <https://www.cfb.ca.gov/enforcement/index.shtml>
- Existing laws and regulations: https://www.cfb.ca.gov/laws_regs/existing_laws.shtml

[California Department of Public Health—Vital Records](#)

- County Registrars and Records: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHSI/Pages/County-Registrars-and-Recorders.aspx>
- Death certificates: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHSI/Pages/Vital-Records-Obtaining-Certified-Copies-of-Death-Records.aspx>

[California Legislative Information](#)

- California Business & Professions Code:
<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codesTOCSelected.xhtml?tocCode=BPC&tocTitle=+Business+and+Professions+Code+-+BPC>
- California Health & Safety Code:
<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codesTOCSelected.xhtml?tocCode=HSC&tocTitle=+Health+and+Safety+Code+-+HSC>

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- California Public Resources Code:
<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codesTOCSelected.xhtml?tocCode=PRC&tocTitle=+Public+Resources+Code+-+PRC>

California Native America Heritage Commission

- Coroner list: <https://nahc.ca.gov/resources/coroner-list/>
- Discovery of human remains that may be Native American: <https://nahc.ca.gov/tools/discovery-of-human-remains/>
- Discovery of Native American human remains—what to do: <https://nahc.ca.gov/resources/discovery-of-native-american-human-remains-what-to-do/>
- Professional Guide for the Preservation and Protection of Native American Human Remains and Associated Graves Goods: <https://nahc.ca.gov/resources/a-professional-guide-for-the-preservation-and-protection-of-native-american-human-remains-and-associated-grave-goods/>

First5LA

- Grieving assistance centers—Los Angeles County: <https://www.first5la.org/article/grieving-assistance-centers-los-angeles-county/>

Hope Connection

- Grief support groups: <https://hopegroups.org/>

Long Beach Health & Human Services

- Death certificates (issued within 1 year of decedent's passing):
<https://www.longbeach.gov/health/services/directory/records/>

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

- Grief and loss resources: <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/resources/grief-loss/>

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health: Vital Records

- Death certificates: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dca/dcadeath.htm>
- Find a funeral home: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dca/dcafunerals.htm>
- Grief support resources: [http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/mch/sids/Grief Support Informations_complete.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/mch/sids/Grief%20Support%20Informations_complete.pdf)

Los Angeles County Health Services

- “Healing from Loss and Grief”: <https://dhs.lacounty.gov/healing-from-loss-and-grief/>

Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner

- Forms: <https://mec.lacounty.gov/forms/>
- Grief bereavement resources: <https://mec.lacounty.gov/grief-bereavement-resources/>
- Our services: families: <https://mec.lacounty.gov/for-families/#1525898768052-3fd07f2d-dabc>
- Unclaimed person search: <https://mec.lacounty.gov/unclaimed-persons-search/>
- Unidentified persons search: <https://mec.lacounty.gov/unidentified-persons-search/>

NAMI | Westside Los Angeles

- Grief and loss: <https://namila.org/grief-and-loss/>

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OUR HOUSE

- Grief support center: <https://www.ourhouse-grief.org/>

Pasadena Public Health

- Death records (as far back as 1993): <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/public-health/birth-and-death-records/#death-records>

Sacramento County Public Law Library

- Advanced health care directive: <https://saclaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/form-advance-health-care-directive.rtf>
- Delayed Registration of Vital Record (Birth, Marriage, and Death) research guide: <https://saclaw.org/wp-content/uploads/sbs-delayed-birth-marriage-and-death-certificates.pdf>
- Power of attorney research guide: <https://saclaw.org/wp-content/uploads/lrg-power-of-attorney.pdf>
- Statutory will form: <https://saclaw.org/wp-content/uploads/6240-Statutory-will-form.pdf>

Lawyer Referral Services, Legal Clinics, and In-Person Assistance:

Attorney Search Network: Wills and Estate Planning Law

https://attorneysearchnetwork.com/Wills_and_Estate_Planning_Law.cfm

California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform – Attorneys for Estate Planning

http://www.canhr.org/LRS/TypesElderLawAttorneys/elder_law_attorneys__medical_estate_planning.html

California Association of Legal Document Assistants

<https://calda.org/findanlda>

LA Law Library's Lawyers in the Library

Volunteer attorneys are available for free consultations (10-20 minutes) with anyone who does not have a lawyer but has legal problems to discuss. To schedule a free telephonic or in-person consultation with a lawyer, please complete and submit this form: <http://www.lalawlibrary.org/LITLform>

State Bar of California

Certified lawyer referral services directory: <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/Public/Need-Legal-Help/Using-a-Certified-Lawyer-Referral-Service/Certified-Lawyer-Referral-Services-Directory>

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