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Trusted Advisors, Experienced Advocates



PROBATE, ESTATE & TRUST LITIGATION

From the public sector to private enterprise, we combine in-depth knowledge with extensive experience

Deep experience. Probate, Estate and Trust Litigation can require extensive knowledge of state and federal tax laws, state probate laws, litigation strategies and more. Our team includes attorneys who are Certified Public Accountants or hold master's degrees in taxation law, business administration and social work.

360-degree perspective. Our clients include individuals, families, banks, trust companies, charitable entities, fiduciaries, beneficiaries, trustees and executors. No matter what side you're on, we understand your perspective and needs — and the views of the other parties involved.

Broad legal know-how. Sometimes probate, estate and trust matters can present problems related to real estate transactions, loans, securities, family law or other issues. At Nexsen Pruet, our Probate, Estate and Trust Litigation lawyers can turn to colleagues down the hall with experience in a wide range of industries and legal practice areas.

Minimize drama. Probate, Estate and Trust Litigation often involves intra-family conflicts and long-standing personal relationships. We seek to resolve the legal issues while minimizing or eliminating damage to friendships and family bonds.

Solution-focused. Our responsibility is to help you find solutions for the conflicts you face. Sometimes that means arguing in court, but often negotiation and other creative strategies are used to produce a winning result.

Complete litigation support. What happens in probate court is often only part of the story. Whether it's as prosaic as having the locks changed on a house to prevent unauthorized entry or as daunting as managing multiple claims in multiple jurisdictions for a large estate, Nexsen Pruet has the resources, people and experience to handle it.



Knowledge and Experience You Can Count On

Probate, Estate and Trust Litigation requires multiple skills: Knowledge of the ins and outs of state probate laws, interaction with federal tax law, familiarity with fiduciary issues, estate planning experience and more.

Nexsen Pruet's Probate, Estate and Trust Litigation lawyers bring all these skills — and more — to bear as we help a range of clients navigate conflicts around probate, estate and trust issues.

Whether a conflict arises because of a lack of planning or due to planning that you believe is unfair or illegal, we can help. We also help individuals, charities and other beneficiaries deal with personal representatives, trustees or conservators who may be acting outside the scope of the testator's wishes.

No matter who our client is, our intent is always the same: To help them achieve their goals through practical, creative, effective legal strategies. Our attorneys are fearless advocates and tireless workers on behalf of our clients.



Will contests.

Whether you need to defend a will or challenge the validity of it, our attorneys can help you mount the strongest possible case.

Power of attorney challenges.

Challenges to a power of attorney, including accounting for missing or misspent funds, raise thorny issues. Nexsen Pruet attorneys can help you cut through the confusion and conflicts to find solutions.

Removal of trustees, executors, representatives or conservators.

Trustees, personal representatives and conservators may be removed under a variety of circumstances. Whether you're seeking to remove someone or someone is seeking to remove you, we can help.

Probate appeals.

Our attorneys are skilled at handling appeals of probate court decisions. With skilled legal counsel, a bad ruling does not have to be the last word.

Trust disputes.

Disagreements over a trust's validity or actions taken on behalf of a trust can be resolved through the courts, mediation or arbitration. Whatever the case, we have experienced lawyers to guide you through the dispute.

Contested conservatorship or guardianship.

Disagreements over existing or proposed conservatorship or guardianship arrangements can be legally complex and personally challenging. Nexsen Pruet has the experience to navigate these difficult issues.



Business and asset valuation disagreements.

Valuation decisions are often not clear-cut and can significantly impact estate taxes and the division of assets. When disagreements arise, we have experienced lawyers who understand the legal and financial considerations involved in valuation.

Undue influence claims.

Our attorneys represent and have represented clients on both sides of undue influence claims, and we understand the factual and legal issues involved.

Testamentary capacity or lack of capacity.

Many disputes arise from disagreements about someone's ability to make decisions. Our lawyers understand the challenging legal and interpersonal issues raised in these cases.

Investment result challenges.

If someone believes an investment is not producing the appropriate result, legal disputes can arise. Let an experienced, knowledgeable attorney be your advocate in these cases.

Charitable trusts and foundation disputes.

Conflicts over charitable trusts and foundations are common. These entities are governed by a specific set of federal and state statutes and related law. A Nexsen Pruet lawyer can help you understand your options and make smart decisions to resolve these disputes.

Breach of fiduciary duty.

Accusing someone of breaching a fiduciary duty is a serious matter. Whether you believe someone has breached their duty or you have been accused of a breach, our attorneys can provide the legal guidance you need to resolve the conflict.

Experience you can trust

Nexsen Pruet is a multi-specialty business law firm headquartered in Columbia, South Carolina, with more than 190 lawyers and offices in Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh, NC, as well as Charleston, Greenville, Hilton Head and Myrtle Beach, SC. With deep talent and experience, our outstanding lawyers serve clients from New York to California.

Serving clients across the map.

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190+

8 offices

30⁺ practice areas



Nexsen Pruet clients span the U.S. and beyond and cover a wide variety of industries and areas. We handle a full range of legal issues for our clients, from individual tax planning to complex litigation and alternative energy. Our attorneys have the experience and knowledge needed to handle the most complex legal needs.

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