



## Probate Jargon buster

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**Beneficiaries** – A person or institution who inherits from a Will or under intestacy laws

**Codicil** – A legal document that is often used to make minor changes to a Will but has same formalities regarding signing to be valid

**Grant, fully known as a Grant of Representation** – An order from a court which confirms or confers the authority of the “personal representative”) to administer the estate of the deceased person

**Grant of Probate** – When there is a Will which successfully appoints executors

**A Grant of Letters of Administration with Will annexed** – This is issued when there is a Will, but either there is no executor named in the Will or all the named executors are unable or unwilling to act as executors

**A Grant of Letters of Administration** – When there is no Will

**Intestate** – When someone dies without making a Will

**Legacy** – A gift included in a Will

**Personal representative** – Person who gets the grant and administers the estate

**Executors** – Appointed by the Will

**Administrators** – When there is no Will, the persons who obtain a Grant of Letters of Administration are known as administrators and must establish their entitlement to apply for a Grant. There is a strict order of precedence as to who is entitled to apply for Letters of Administration (i.e. Spouse, Civil Partner, Children, Parents, siblings)

**Probate registry** – Government office that deals with Probate and Administration with principle office in London and regional district registries

**Residue / residuary estate** – What is left after the money legacies, specific gifts, funeral expenses, Inheritance Tax, and all other liabilities and expenses