

# PROFESSIONALS YOU MIGHT NEED: *You Don't Have to Do This Alone*

## Legal & Financial Professionals

- Estate Attorney (Probate or Trust Lawyer) – Manages probate proceedings, ensures legal compliance, and assists with legal disputes.
- Trust Officer – Oversees trust management, works with beneficiaries, and ensures correct asset distribution. Usually employed by a bank.
- Certified Financial Planner (CFP) – Advises heirs on managing inherited assets, investment strategies, and financial planning.
- Tax Professional (CPA or Estate Tax Specialist) – Handles tax filings, estate taxes, and advises on tax implications for heirs.
- Forensic Accountant – Investigates financial discrepancies or fraud within an estate.

## Real Estate & Property Management Professionals

- Real Estate Agent (Specialized in Probate & Estate Sales) – Assists in selling, valuing, and preparing estate properties.
- Real Estate Attorney – Handles legal paperwork for property transfers, title issues, and compliance.
- Property Manager – Manages rental properties, handles tenant relations, and oversees maintenance.
- Real Estate Appraiser – Provides official valuations for probate, taxes, and sales.
- Estate Sale & Liquidation Specialist – Organizes sales or auctions for personal property.
- Professional Organizer – Assists in sorting, decluttering, and distributing belongings.

## Asset & Investment Management Professionals

- Investment Advisor - Manages investment accounts and advises heirs on inherited stocks and funds.
- Business Valuator - Determines business value for sale, transfer, or taxation.
- Fine Art, Jewelry, & Collectibles Appraiser - Provides valuation for high-value personal assets
- Insurance Specialist - Assists with life insurance claims and policy updates.
- Digital Legacy Service - Recovering passwords, accessing or transferring digital assets (like photos), closing online accounts (GoodTrust, Everplans, & Executor.org)

## Specialized Professionals

- Elder Law Attorney - Assists with Medicaid, guardianship, and eldercare legal matters.
- Medicare/Medicaid Advisor - Helps navigate benefits, claims, and eligibility.
  - State & Federal Resources - [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov)
  - Certified Advisors - NAHU to find an agent (1-202-552-5060)
  - Eldercare Financial Planners
  - Nonprofit source - ADRC (1-800-963-5337) [eldercare.ace.gov](https://www.eldercare.ace.gov)
- Grief Therapist - Provides emotional support for heirs.
- Private Investigator - Locates missing heirs and investigates suspicious claims.

**Pro tip: We can connect you with referrals for the professionals you need.**