



Probate Legal Assistance Network (PLAN)

The Probate Legal Assistance Network (PLAN) is comprised of three nonprofit legal services providers: the **D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center**; **Legal Counsel for the Elderly**; and **DC Affordable Law Firm**. These organizations work together to assist DC residents with probate estate administration matters.

An attorney from the **Probate Legal Assistance Network (PLAN)** is available in the **Self-Help Center** of the **D.C. Superior Court Probate Division** on a walk-in, first-come, first-served basis on **Tuesday and Wednesday** mornings for members of the public seeking **brief, same-day advice or assistance** with probate estate administration matters. Other times, you may call one of the following:

Legal Counsel for the Elderly: 202-434-2120 (age 60+)

DC Affordable Law Firm: 202-844-5430

DC Bar Pro Bono Center: 202-780-2767

Please Note:

- **PLAN is not part of the court.** Our organizations are independent from the court. For the benefit of the public, the court allows us to provide help on site at the court, but none of our attorneys or staff work for the court.
- **Your discussions with PLAN attorneys are confidential.** PLAN attorneys will not report back to the court's Probate Self-Help Center staff or other members of the court anything you discuss with a PLAN attorney.
- Though PLAN attorneys are available to help, they **will not file any documents with the court on your behalf.** You will need to file any documents or report any required information to the court yourself.
- **PLAN attorneys and their organizations provide brief advice only**, and such brief advice does not, by itself, commit the attorneys or their organizations to any ongoing attorney-client relationship with you at this time.

A PLAN Attorney Can:

- Answer probate estate questions
- Provide information and background on the probate estate process
- Provide limited general legal advice
- Help prepare probate estate forms

PLAN attorneys are not available to provide same-day representation in court hearings.

PLAN attorneys cannot assist with guardianship or conservatorship.

If you need help with probate matters beyond one-time, same-day assistance, a PLAN attorney can refer your matter to one of the PLAN organizations for consideration for longer-term services.