Small Estate (Summary Administration) Basics

Losing someone is hard enough. For smaller estates, Florida offers a shorter, simpler court process.

A gentler path for families

When a loved one passes, the paperwork can feel heavy. Many families are relieved to learn Florida has a shorter process called summary administration.

The general idea

Summary administration may be available when the estate is worth $150,000 or less (not counting certain protected property such as the family home), or when the person has been dead for more than 2 years. We will help you get your paperwork ready.

What families often gather

A death certificate, a list of assets and their values, the will if there is one, and names and addresses of family members. Having these ready makes everything move faster.

How we help

You give us your information in writing, and we type your paperwork neatly for you to file with the court. We are happy to help you take this step.

There’s hope in what you’re trying to do, and we’d love to help.

Start your small estate intake: https://form.jotform.com/262796450090057
Text or call (772) 742-4639 · www.notarynearmenow.com

Official sources

- s. 735.201, Florida Statutes: https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2026/735.201
- Florida Courts: https://www.flcourts.gov/

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