

# Teaching Probate Law: Practical Applications

Incorporating Real-World Examples and Hands-On Learning

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# Introduction

- Probate law is essential for paralegal training.
- Teaching must go beyond theory to practical applications.
- This session explores methods to integrate real-world examples and hands-on learning.

# Foundations of Probate Law

- Key concepts: Property, wills, intestacy, probate process.
- Common legal documents: Petitions, inventories, accountings, and notices.
- Court involvement and procedural requirements.

# Integrating Practical Applications

- Drafting Probate Documents:
  - Completing common probate forms (petitions, inventories, final accountings)
  - Case File Review and Analysis:
    - Using redacted case files to analyze real probate scenarios
    - Using AI generated scenarios
- Mock Law Office Practice:
  - Make the experience as real world as possible

# Teaching Strategies for Engagement

- Interactive assignments: Role-playing as personal representatives or attorneys.
- Simulating client interactions and probate problem-solving.
- Leveraging technology: Court e-filing, legal research tools, document automation.

# Assessment and Skill Development

- Evaluating practical assignments with rubrics and feedback.
- Encouraging reflection on ethical issues in probate practice.
- Preparing students for certification exams and professional roles.

# Q&A and Discussion

- Open floor for questions and shared experiences.
- Discussion on challenges and solutions in teaching probate law.
- Resources for continued improvement in probate instruction.