

New website heirlaw.org offers national forum for probate attorneys, court personnel and bank trust officers

Identifying and locating legitimate heirs for probate attorneys has long been a problem.

JUPITER, FL, USA, November 28, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- JUPITER, FL -Estate attorneys, probate judges and bank trust officials charged with locating heirs to estates now have a powerful new resource at their disposal. <u>Heirlaw</u>.org is an online forum for probate professionals to share their experiences, concerns and frustrations with the process of identifying and locating legitimate heirs.

The Heirlaw.org forum was created by <u>Cliff Von Langen</u>, a forensic genealogist and CEO of an investigative agency that works extensively assisting the probate profession. The site was built to address concerns and challenges that the probate profession faces in their quest to find heirs through traditional channels.

Probate attorneys and administrators face constant challenges from "heir hunters", fortune seekers who often employ questionable tactics to file claims quickly in exchange for a percentage of the heir's share of the estate. The practice of attempting to file claims quickly, before all heirs are located, can result in legitimate heirs either being denied their share of the estate, or unnecessarily agreeing to give a portion of their inheritance away.

There are currently no uniform laws governing the tactics of heir hunters, an oversight many probate attorneys would like to see changed. To resolve this problem, enlightened members of the probate profession are seeking to promulgate legislation that would provide 180 days following the filing of an estate for an authorized investigation (only). The 180 day "waiting period" is deemed sufficient for probate officials to identify and locate legitimate claimants.

Cliff von Langen, the founder of heirlaw.org, said, "Often, heir hunters have an incentive to produce the purported heirs quickly, as their compensation depends on a percentage of inheritance money collected. Heirlaw.org offers a forum for probate professionals who want to see this system corrected. It provides an opportunity for them to share their stories with other professionals across the country, and to advocate for legislative remedies to this system."

There is no cost to take part of the online forum, and probate professionals are urged to visit the site often to keep the rest of the probate community updated on what is happening in their region.

Von Langen adds, "By entering into discussions with probate professionals across the country, we can all benefit from the sharing of important information regarding our mutual concerns and frustration with the current state of affairs. Ultimately, the intent of this forum is to organize and arm those of us who will be instrumental in making and enforcing laws for everyone's protection."

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