Timely, effective solutions from experienced, empathetic neutrals

The JAMS Estate/Probate/Trust Practice Group includes retired judges and attorney neutrals with decades of bench and bar experience handling probate matters, including complex, high-profile, high-value disputes. JAMS neutrals are adept at managing complicated family dynamics and sensitive to the deeply emotional issues that often dominate probate law. They are also well-versed in crossover issues involving family law and business/commercial matters.

JAMS neutrals are available to resolve discrete issues or entire cases. They offer timely, reliable dates for mediations or arbitrations and are readily accessible to review briefs and hear petitions. Our highly skilled case managers can provide a list of panelists best suited to handle your dispute based on their experience, background, rates and approach to alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

Our panelists receive ongoing training in ADR and stay abreast of emerging probate law as well as the challenges presented by pandemic-related delays and disruptions. They are available to resolve disputes in person or via videoconference or telephone, and JAMS provides neutrals and parties with live tech support during virtual and hybrid sessions.

JAMS neutrals have handled thousands of estate/probate/trust disputes involving virtually every type of matter that comes before a probate court, including the following:

- Undue influence and capacity
- Contested conservatorships
- Limited conservatorships
- Contested inheritance rights
- Beneficiary disputes
- Accounting issues involving high-value trusts and conservatorships
- Guardianship matters and related custody and visitation issues
- Trust administration issues, including failing to administer the trust in accordance with its terms, favoring one beneficiary over another, self-dealing, mishandling trust assets and breaches of fiduciary duty

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