



## ASK THE LAWYER



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## NO PROBATE?

Clients often come into my office wondering how to transfer assets from a loved one who has passed away. They ask if there is an easier process to transfer assets after death instead of probate. When the total amount of the assets is under \$50,000, then a shortened process is available to people in Wisconsin. It avoids the need to go through the court system for a formal or informal probate process. Transfer by Affidavit documents can be prepared to transfer these assets. The process does become a little more complex when the asset is real estate since documents need to be forwarded to the estate recovery office in Wisconsin and the heirs need to be notified. Consequently, even the process for avoiding probate is a bit complex. For advice or help on how to navigate probate in any of its forms, please contact Pruitt Zabkowicz S.C. at 262-633-8301 or through our website at [pruittlawoffices.com](http://pruittlawoffices.com). Our offices are located in Racine, Milwaukee and Kenosha.

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