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Hiring a Lawyer

Got a copy of the will on 11/24/24. After spending some time looking into the probate process as a possibility of handling it myself, I realized that I needed a lawyer.

I'm guessing that the reason there were so many declines and unresponsive contacts was because of the holiday season.

12/4

I called the Alaska Lawyer Referral Service. Got the names of three lawyers

- Jody Sutherland, Mitchi McNabb, and Nora Barlow. Didn't try Sutherland (bad reviews) the other two I left messages on 12/5. They never called back.

12/6

I did an internet search and found

- Colver & Mcmillan (emailed) Talked to Colver twice. He gave me some info but never wanted to be involved.
- Brena Bell & Walker (person said they'd call back but never did).
- Lindsey N Dupois (filled out a web form, no response).

12/14

Called Alaska Lawyer Referral again

- Got three more names. Constance Aschenbrenner (was told she'd call back, never did). Mark Manning (Sent an email, got an email back on 12/15 asking when would be the best time to talk. Responded, but I never heard back.). Leonard Anderson (web form, also recommend by a friend. Talked to somebody on 12/19 about who referred me and gave some info about the case but I never heard back).

12/18

Another internet search

- Denali Law Group (got an email on 12/18 thanking me for contacting them, then got another email later that day saying that they don't "handle probate law pertaining to anything after death." They recommended Eric Conard, I didn't contact him.).
- Bradley R. Quisenberry (Anchorage Estate Planning and Probate Services, LLC), got an email on 12/19 saying they're not accepting any new clients. But, they gave me four referrals: Shaftel Delman, LLC, sent an email, no response; Foley & Pearson, Manley & Brautigam, sent web form, no response; Tonja Woelber, sent an email, no response; Durrell Law Group, had previously sent web form on 12/18, no response.

12/19

- Manley & Brautigam P.C. Sent web form, got this response, "Hello Mr. Parello, Thank you for considering Manley & Brautigam P.C. to assist you. Unfortunately, we are unable to assist you with this matter. We would like to direct you to the lawyer referral service at 907-272-0352. Since we never formally undertook representation of you, and never discussed any information that would be covered by the attorney-client privilege, for purposes of possible future conflicts, you will not be considered a former or current client."
- Leonard Anderson, gave info said will call back.
- Woelber & Associates, sent email, replied that she can't take any new cases now and referred me to Sean McQuillan at McQuillan & Hohman.

12/20

- Sean McQuillan, sent form.
- Dillon & Findley, sent form, replied back that they wouldn't be able to help me with this and recommended AK Bar Assc.
- Michael Baylous, sent email, replied back on 12/27 that he doesn't do that type of work and recommended Leonard Anderson at Barlow Anderson previously contacted

12/21

- Keystone Law Group, sent form, replied no out-of-state cases.

12/29

- Nolo / Alllaw.com, sent form, chat on 1/2/24. They sent the form to McQuillan & Hohman Law, LLC. on 1/3.

12/30

- Sent form to Baxter Bruce & Sullivan. Replied back on 1/2. Sent info about the case between 1/5 and 1/8. Asked how much the retainer would be then didn't hear back until after I had talked to Tiernan.

1/2/24

- Contacted Alllaw via chat.

1/4

- McQuillan & Hohman Law, LLC. sent an invoice. Didn't feel comfortable with them. On 1/5 sent email saying I needed more time and info.

1/12

- Theus Law offices, sent form.

1/13

- Tried Legalmatch, no lawyers responded.

1/15

- Theus returned call.

1/16

- Believe Theus said that they don't handle cases like this.
- Sent email to AK Lawyer Referral Services. Got three more names. Mark Manning, already tried. Sandra Daussin, didn't try, she lives in Wasilla. And Constance Aschenbrenner, already tried.
- **Filled out a form** on avvo.com to post a question on how to get the original or certified copy of the will and death certificate. The question went unanswered.

1/18

- Got contact info for Bart Tiernan, believe I called the next day. On 1/29 I asked him to take the case and he agreed.