Introduction

This first edition of *"Dealing With The Death Of A Loved One"* is the third publication of the Estate Planning Council of Seattle. It is a collection of articles that address the question and offers practical guidance when someone dies. It includes a detailed list of where you can find people to help you, and a glossary which defines terms.

This book has two primary goals. The first is to help inform those who are concerned about the death of someone close. The second is to provide a quick reference source for persons who have to deal with a death that has already occurred or soon will.

"Dealing With The Death Of A Loved One" joins the Council's earlier publications, Estate Planning and the Fiduciary's Handbook. Estate Planning, now in its fourth printing, is about how to plan for property disposition, purchase insurance, minimize estate and gift taxes, and plan for retirement. Fiduciary's Handbook describes a fiduciary's duties, responsibilities and liabilities.

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Lastly, several words of caution:

> Many of the subjects discussed in these articles are more Involved than they may appear and entail federal, state and Local laws. Please do not use these articles as a substitute For obtaining timely professional advice. The Council Disclaims any responsibility for actions which may be Taken based solely on advice offered in this publication.

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