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# Preface

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*Basic Wills, Trusts, and Estates for Paralegals* is designed as an introductory text for students in paralegal programs. Its purpose is to provide a basic understanding of the legal principles involved in estate work. This book will provide all the information that a legal assistant will need to know in order to assist in the preparation and completion of all documents incident to an estate practice. It is not intended to be a seminal thesis.

Because estate law is primarily state statute oriented, a comparison study of all the state statutes has been included as the final chapter of this book. Throughout the work, specific reference is made to particular jurisdictions to highlight important or interesting aspects of particular state law. However, reference should always be made to the law of the jurisdiction in which the parties reside or own property.

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