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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON PROBATE IN FLORIDA – PART 9**

### **HOW ARE THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE’S COMPENSATION AND PROFESSIONAL FEES DETERMINED?**

The personal representative, the attorney, and other professionals whose services may be required in administering the probate estate (such as appraisers and accountants), are entitled by law to reasonable compensation. However, if a close family member serves as personal representative, it is not always typical that the personal representative be compensated. Likewise, a decedent may state in their will that the named personal representative receive or not receive compensation for serving as personal representative.

The personal representative’s compensation is usually determined in one of five ways: (1) as set forth in the will; (2) as set forth in a contract between the personal representative and the decedent; (3) as agreed among the personal representative and the persons who will bear the impact of the personal representative’s compensation; (4) the amount presumed to be reasonable as calculated under Florida law, if the amount is not objected to by any of the beneficiaries; or (5) as determined by the judge.

The fee for the attorney for the personal representative is usually determined in one of three ways: (1) as agreed among the attorney, the personal representative, and the persons who bear the impact of the fee; (2) the amount presumed to be reasonable calculated under Florida law, if the amount is not objected to by any of the beneficiaries; or (3) as determined by the judge. Probate is a very particular area of law; having an attorney experienced in practicing probate is invaluable. At the Law Office of Imani Boykin, P.A., we are here to counsel and advise personal representatives when faced with the numerous duties and responsibilities that arise in probate administration.

Our knowledgeable attorneys and staff at the Law Office of Imani Boykin, P.A. can help you with your loved one’s affairs and make the probate process easy for you during a difficult time.

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