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ALACHUA COUNTY

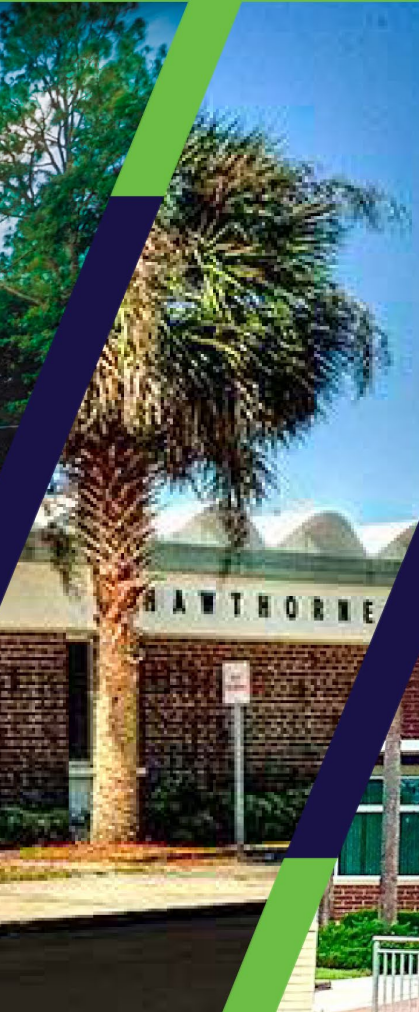
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Probate & Estate Planning Summit Overview





Summit Locations



Summit 1:
East Gainesville
(2022)

Location:
Mount Carmel
Baptist Church



Summit 2:
Hawthorne
(2022)

Location:
Hawthorne
Middle/
High School



Summit 3:
Alachua &
High Springs
(2023)

Location:
Alachua
City Hall



Summit 4:
North West
Gainesville
(2023)

Zip codes:
32605 & 32653

Location:
ElderCare Senior
Center



Summit 5:
East
Gainesville
(2024)

Location:
Eastside High
School



Summit 6:
zip codes
32608 & 32615
(2024)

Location:
Santa Fe High
School

What this means for Alachua County Residents



- Nearly \$550 Million in Property Value at Risk: Alachua County Property Appraiser’s Office Assisting Property Owners in the Battle Against Property Loss
- As of 2024, there are 1376 parcels with one remaining owner in Alachua County and 1664 parcels in “heirs” property.
- This ongoing collaborative initiative serves as an opportunity to be more accessible to residents who may be impacted by these issues.
- This interactive panel discussion features representatives from the Alachua County Clerk of Court, the Alachua County Tax Collector, the University of Florida Levin College of Law, and Three Rivers Legal Services Inc. This forum allows residents to make direct contact with the numerous entities involved in the processes of probate and estate planning.

The growth of this initiative



- Due to the continuous increase in popularity of this initiative, our office is working to expand this project to include an additional workshop component.
- This means that in addition to a larger forum that focuses on a general overview of the probate and estate planning process, we are now taking steps to have smaller, hands-on sessions that include activities that will progress participants in the process.
- Activities will include learning more about the heirs' property tax processes, ACPA heirs' relief program, estate planning documents, creating a family tree, and creating a smaller-scale forum for Q/A

How this all ties together

- With our summit initiative and new prospective workshop, we will assist with ensuring that heirs are as prepared as possible for an attorney to take on their case, as a lot of the groundwork will be started or even completed.
- Additionally, these opportunities also allow for preventative measures/estate planning that can help reduce the overall number of future heirs in Alachua County



PROBATE

"Probate is the judicial process whereby a will is proved in a court of law and accepted as a valid public document that is the true last testament of the decedent, or whereby the estate is settled according to the laws of intestacy in the state of residence of the deceased at the time of death in the absence of a legal will."