

TUSCOLA COUNTY PROBATE COURT GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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Conservator:

A person appointed by the Court to manage the financial affairs of a minor or protected person.

Decedent:

A person who has died.

EPIC:

Estates and Protected Individuals Code

Fiduciary:

A person who has been appointed by another or by the court to manage the personal or financial affairs of another.

Guardian:

A person who is appointed by the court to make personal decisions for a minor or legally incapacitated individual.

Intestate:

To die without a will.

Testate:

To die having properly executed a Last Will and Testament.

Trust:

A legal entity established by a person to place property owned by that person to manage and dispose of property after death. A trust is established for many reasons ie. Tax consequences and avoidance of Probate.