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# Preface

As practicing attorneys and instructors of undergraduate students in Georgia, we are always looking for meaningful information to convey to our clients and students. Moreover, we have found that when students can relate to what they are studying, there will be a better chance of their staying engaged and retaining course content. We want to ensure that they have the tools necessary to compete effectively in the legal workplace. With these thoughts in mind, it has been particularly important for us to expose our students to the laws of the state in which they will be acting as paralegals or eventually becoming lawyers. Over the years, we have found that many of the most popular textbooks did not fully address the needs of our students in state-specific areas of the law. Therefore, the authors decided to write *Georgia Wills, Trusts and Estate Administration* to address this need.

The audience for this textbook is anyone interested in getting a basic understanding of these aspects of Georgia law. It will provide a general framework of the substantive theory of wills, trusts, estates and administration. Even though this area of the law can be quite complex, this textbook is designed to be simple and practical. We aim to introduce the reader to the basics in a straightforward manner so that it can be used ultimately as a guide and firm foundation to paralegals (and attorneys) as they enter private practice.

Each chapter of *Georgia Wills, Trusts and Estate Administration* is organized to address the most salient issues in the field and to introduce key terms and basic concepts. Additionally, a glossary and index are included at the end of the textbook for easy reference. Selected portions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and the Internal Revenue Code are included in appendices for quick access. In another appendix, we have provided references to various electronic and social media resources which include additional information about this area of the law. These resources can be used by instructors for assignments, such as discussion board postings or for reflective essays. Moreover, for instructors, the authors have crafted a comprehensive instructor's manual, including sample syllabus provisions and course schedules, PowerPoints, an exam testbank with answer key, answers to in-chapter review assignments and project ideas. If you have questions about the teaching materials, please contact [bhall@cap-press.com](mailto:bhall@cap-press.com).

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