



## ROBERT L. LANCASTER PROVIDES EXPERT TESTIMONY BEFORE FLORIDA SENATE AND HOUSE ON DECEDENT'S PROPERTY

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Recently Robert L. Lancaster, a Principal in Cummings & Lockwood's Private Clients Group in the Firm's Naples, Florida office, served as an expert for the Real Property Probate Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar in connection with pending legislation in Florida relating to Decedent's Property.

On Monday, March 18, 2019, Rob appeared before the Florida Senate Judiciary Committee in Tallahassee in support of Senate Bill 1154 that:

- Abolishes certain common law requirements relating to joint tenancies with right of survivorship and tenancies by the entirety;
- Specifies that precious metals are tangible personal property for the purposes of the Florida Probate Code;
- Expands the list of sales or encumbrances that are voidable by interested persons under certain circumstances; and
- Specifies when an attorney or a person related to the attorney is permitted to be compensated as a personal representative of an estate or trustee of a trust.

On Monday, March 25, 2019, Rob also spoke before the Florida House Civil Justice Committee in support of the companion House Bill 1307.

If approved, the Act would become law effective October 1, 2019.

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