These Pocket Parts update the main volumes with legislation enacted by the Regular Session of the 2017 Texas Legislature and cases decided over the past year. Below is an alphabetical list of some of the more important areas in which significant developments occurred.

- Affidavit in lieu of inventory (§ 752).
- Notice to creditors (§ 901).
- Probate applications (§§ 283, 288, & 364).
- Small estate affidavits (§ 482).
- Transfer on death motor vehicles (§ 823).
- Will reformation (§ 1069).

The 2017 Legislature also enacted the Texas Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act to govern how a personal representative may gain access to the decedent’s digital property such as e-mail accounts, social networking accounts (e.g., Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter), and other material stored online. The operation of this Act, codified in new Estates Code Title 4, will be covered in depth in next year’s supplement.

Included in this Supplement are updated cross-reference charts—both from the Probate Code to the Estates Code and from the Estates Code to the Probate Code. The 2015 Legislature made it clear that the Estates Code is to be treated as an amendment, albeit a huge one, to the Probate Code. Accordingly, if a will refers to “the Probate Code as amended,” that reference is deemed to be to the Estates Code. Tex. Est. Code Ann. § 21.002(b).

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