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The screenshot shows the MailOnline website interface. The main headline reads: "Dead mother kept in a morgue for a month while her warring children argued over her funeral music at the High Court is to finally be buried". Below the headline is a list of bullet points:

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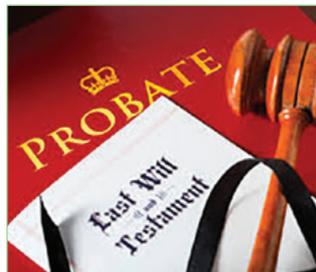
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Aspects of Life...& Death WHAT IS PROBATE?

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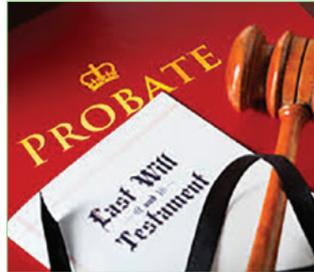
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