

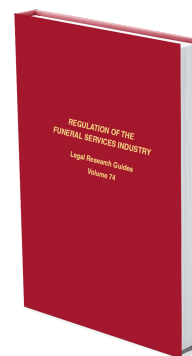
Regulation of the Funeral Services Industry: A Legal Research Guide

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- First and only resource to break down the complex regulatory framework of the funeral services industry
- Includes a valuable bibliography to help researchers quickly locate relevant books relating to the funeral services industry as well as contact information for state funeral boards
- Learn about the FTC Funeral Rules, funeral home requirements, and other aspects of this complex area of law
- Perfect for attorneys, professors, and students researching the fundamentals of law governing the funeral services industry



About This Title

For most of human history, the preparation of the dead for disposition was a responsibility primarily discharged by families, friends, and religious organizations. This largely philanthropic activity turned almost completely commercial in the first decades of the 20th century, due in large part to increased urbanization and mobility.

In the United States today, the disposition of human remains is mostly delegated to the for-profit deathcare industry. This book focuses on the regulation of providers of services related to the preparation of human remains for final disposition and coordination of memorialization and disposition. The funeral services industry is highly regulated, primarily by state occupational licensing statutes and the Federal Trade Commission's "Funeral Rule." Statutes related to the licensure of crematories and crematory operators, and statutes regulating the sale of pre-need funeral goods and services are closely related to the occupational licensing regime for the funeral services industry and are therefore covered in this book.

This is a very complex area of the law and unfamiliar to most attorneys. This guide is intended to help attorneys and others quickly find relevant laws for litigation and transactional matters involving the industry, and to provide background reading and other contextual sources.

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