

TAB 1A

# Your Wills and Estates Practice and the COVID-19 Pandemic:

What You Need to Know Right Now

**Resource Links for Wills and Estates** 

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# **COVID-19 Resources:**

AvoidAClaim: COVID-19 Updates and Tips re: Fraud and Cybersecurity

Goddard Gamage LLP: COVID-19 and Capacity Issues in Wills and Estates

Hull & Hull LLP: COVID-19 Wills & Estate Planning

Hull eState Planner: COVID-19 Resources

Lexis Practice Advisor Cornavirus Guidance

Mann Lawyers: Duties and Best Practices of Fiduciaries during COVID-19

Mann Lawyers: Estate Planning during the COVID-19 Outbreak

Ontario Bar Association: COVID-19 Planning Centre

PracticePro: Video Conferencing Checklist

The Advocates' Society: COVID-19

The Lawyer's Daily: How we can weather the COVID-19 Crisis

Law Society of Ontario: COVID-19 Response

WeirFoulds LLP: The Impact of COVID-19 on Estate Planning and Administration

## New Legislation re: Will Signing

Emergency Order in Council re: Virtual Commissioning and Execution of Wills

Hull eState Planner: Affidavits of Execution for Video Witnesses

Hull eState Planner: PoAs Execution by Video Checklist

Hull eState Planner: Will Execution by Video Checklist

Law Society of Ontario: Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Emergency Order in Council<sup>1</sup>

## **Verification of Client Identity:**

Law Society of Ontario: Verification of Client Identity

<u>Federation of Law Societies of Canada: Risk Advisories for the Legal Profession</u> (pgs.10-11  $\rightarrow$  AML Risk Advisory: Trusts)

<sup>1</sup> To view the question regarding the requirements for the execution of witnessing wills and powers of attorney please see: <u>https://lso.ca/news-events/news/corporate-statement-re-covid-19#in-the-context-of-covid-19-and-as-a-result-of-the-emergency-order-in-council-dated-april-7-2020-h-5</u>

## **Court Notices:**

Ontario Court of Justice: COVID-19 Notices and Updates

Ontario Superior Court of Justice: COVID-19 Notices and Orders

Notice to the Profession, the Public and the Media Regarding Civil and Family Proceedings – April 2, 2020 Update

Thomas v. Wohleber, 2020 ONSC 1965 → What constitutes an "urgent matter"

Ontario Court of Appeal: Practice Directions and Notices regarding COVID-19

Supreme Court of Canada

#### **Government Links:**

Government of Ontario: List of Essential Workplaces

Income Tax Filing and Payment Dates: Canada Revenue Agency and COVID-19

Ontario Ministry of Health: COVID-19 Information

Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General

Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General: Serving the Crown and Related Entities

The Government of Canada: COVID-19 Response

## General Information & Guides regarding Wills, Estates and Trusts Law:

Hull eState Planner

Fillable Estates Forms

Land Titles Forms

Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General: Wills, Estates and Trusts

Probate Records Search

Society of Estates and Trusts Practitioners (STEP)

The Government of Canada: Requesting a Clearance Certificate

The Government of Canada: What to do when someone has died

## Applications for Certificates of Appointment and Probate:

Law Society of Ontario: How to Prepare an Application for Certificate of Appointment for an Estate Trustee with a Will Law Society of Ontario: How to Prepare an Application for a Certificate of Appointment for an Estate Trustee without a Will

# Attorney Accounting and Passing of Accounts:

Canadian Bankers Association: Commitment on Powers of Attorney and Joint Deposit Accounts

Law Society of Ontario: How to Have a Guardian of Property appointed through Court Application

Law Society of Ontario: Passing of Accounts

Whaley Estate Litigation (WEL) Partners: WEL on Fiduciary Accounting: Guardianship, Attorney, Estate & Trust Accounts

# Capacity, Incapacity and Elder Law:

Advocacy Centre for the Elderly

Alzheimer Society of Canada

CAMH: Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Canadian Centre for Elder Law

Canadian Initiative for Elder Planning Studies

Canadian Mental Health Association

Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

Consent and Capacity Board Information Sheets

Guide to Recognizing Elder Abuse

Law Commission of Ontario: A Framework for the Law as it Affects Older Adults

National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly

The Government of Canada: Seniors

The Ontario Government: Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility

# Dependant's Support:

Law Society of Ontario: How to Make a Dependant's Support Claim

# Guardianship:

Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General: The Office of the Children's Lawyer

Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General: The Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee (OPGT)

## **Powers of Attorney:**

Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General: Powers of Attorney

Goddard Gamage LLP: The Role of an Attorney for Personal Care

Goddard Gamage LLP: The Role of an Attorney for Property

Whaley Estate Litigation (WEL) Partners: WEL on Powers of Attorney

## **Undue Influence:**

Whaley Estate Litigation (WEL) Partners: Undue Influence Checklist

# Wills and Estates Law Blogs:

**DeVries** Litigation

Eisen Law

Estate Law Canada

Goddard Gamage LLP

Hull & Hull LLP

O'Sullivan Estate Lawyers LLP

Schnurr Kirsh Oelbaum Tator LLP

Sweatman Law Firm

The Lawyer's Daily: Wills, Estates & Trusts

Wagner Sidlofsky LLP

Whaley Estate Litigation (WEL) Partners