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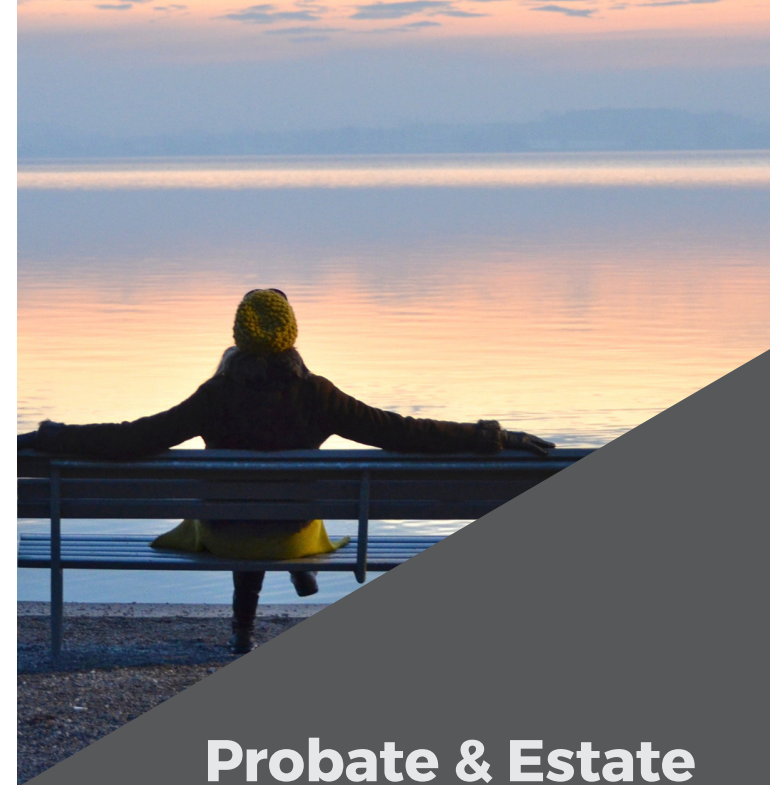
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## Probate & Estate Administration



### We Are Here To Help You

The lawyers at Key Murray Law would be happy to meet with you to discuss Probate & Estate Administration.

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### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A LOVED ONE DIES

When a loved one passes away, there are many things to deal with. First, you will make funeral arrangements and determine if the deceased had any specific funeral wishes.

Secondly, you'll want to obtain a death certificate and confirm if there is a Will.

When you are ready, you will want to meet with a lawyer to determine if you need to probate the deceased's estate.

### WHAT IS PROBATE

Probate is the process whereby the Will of the deceased is proven and the Court authorizes the Executor(s) to deal with your loved one's estate. A lawyer will help you prepare and present the required documentation to the Court, including the Petition for Probate. If the documents are satisfactory, then the Court will grant Letters Probate to the named Executor(s).

### WHY WOULD I PROBATE?

You may need to obtain Probate so that third parties, including, banks and the government, know who to deal with regarding your loved one's Estate. Probate provides these parties with protection and confirms that they are dealing with the person who is in charge of the Estate.

Many financial institutions will require Letters Probate before allowing the Executor(s) to deal with your loved one's assets. If the deceased owned real property in his or her name alone, then you will have to Probate.



At Key Murray Law, our experienced lawyers are here to help you navigate life's difficult choices. We'll guide you through the probate and estate process so that you can focus on what matters most.



### WHAT HAPPENS IF MY LOVED ONE DID NOT LEAVE A WILL?

When there is no Will or it is invalid, the *Probate Act* tells you how your loved one's Estate will be distributed. If there are assets which need to be dealt with, then you may have to apply to the Court for Letters of Administration. This is similar to obtaining Letters Probate as Letters of Administration confirm who will be responsible for dealing with your loved one's estate.

A lawyer can assist regarding the Estate distribution and advise you if you need to make application to the Court.

Again, a lawyer can assist you with preparing and presenting the necessary documents to the Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island. The person(s) appointed to deal with the Estate will usually be the deceased's next of kin.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

An Executor or Administrator's duties include taking control of assets, filing income tax returns, paying debts, and notifying beneficiaries.

### Have More Questions?

If you have more questions please let us know. Our team will be *happy to assist you* and provide answers.

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