

## WHO WE ARE

As a mid-sized law firm, Devry Smith Frank *LLP* ("DSF") balances professional, knowledgeable and customized legal solutions with a focus on delivering value. We are large enough to handle the most complex Estates matters, but have an overhead structure which gives the flexibility to be cost effective. We are driven to deliver value to our clients in all that we do. The lawyers in our Wills & Estates Group have extensive experience advising clients on the complete range of legal services related to estate planning, estate administration, and estate litigation.

As part of a full-service firm, our wills & estates group works with our Business, Tax, Real Estate, Not-For-Profit & Charities, and Family Law Groups to ensure that our clients' legal and family interests are protected and their goals are achieved.

Wills and Powers of Attorney are the cornerstone of your estate plan and should be signed only after careful consideration and legal advice.

DSF is also pleased to inform that we have merged our offices with Woitzik Polsinelli *LLP* ("WP Law").



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## WILLS & ESTATES

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## REASONS TO HIRE A WILLS & ESTATES LAWYER

1. Determine what happens to your estate
2. Appoint an Executor of your choosing
3. Ensure your loved ones are provided for
4. Appoint a guardian for minor children
5. Protect assets (business / personal)
6. Minimize tax and probate fees
7. Make estate administration easier for your executors
8. Make charitable gifts
9. Create a trust for a spouse, a child, or a disabled dependent
10. Avoid disputes regarding the distribution of assets

Devry Smith Frank *LLP* ("DSF") enjoys assisting clients with their legal needs including:

- Wills (including preparing "Multiple Wills" for Physicians, Dentists, Accountants, other professionals and business owners)
- Powers of Attorney for Property
- Powers of Attorney for Personal Care
- Alterego Trusts
- Henson Trusts for disabled beneficiaries
- Domestic Contracts (pre-nuptial agreements, cohabitation agreements)
- Applications for Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee (also known as Probate Applications)
- Survivorship Applications

For more information, please contact our wills & estates group via email at [info@devrylaw.ca](mailto:info@devrylaw.ca) or call 416-449-1400

## BE PREPARED

Wills and Powers of Attorney play a significant role in your estate planning. A properly planned Will is extremely important and can ensure that you are able to clearly communicate your wishes, and structure your affairs both during your lifetime and after your death in accordance with your wishes, making it easier for the persons who you wish to inherit your assets to obtain and use them, and avoid any confusion or misunderstanding among family members and friends as to your intentions. If you do not have a Will, the law determines who is entitled to apply to the court to manage your estate and how your assets are to be distributed. This may be significantly different from your wishes.

A Will only takes effect upon your death, therefore it is equally important that you have valid Powers of Attorney for Property and for Personal Care in place so that you can authorize persons to make decisions on your behalf and assist you in dealing with your property and your healthcare if you become incapacitated or otherwise unable to provide instructions or make decisions regarding your property or your healthcare. Your Attorney must act in your best interest and in accordance with the law.



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