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Wealth planning is important for those of you who are concerned about your family's future and want to ensure that lack of planning will not result in unnecessary hardship in the event of an unforeseen event, such as disability or premature death.

Regardless of your particular set of priorities, the only way in which you can ensure that your wishes will be carried out is by structuring a plan, usually with the assistance of an advisor. Consideration should be given to financial, disability, estate, and insurance planning in order to achieve your objectives in the most optimal manner.



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We include in this month's newsletter some practical information for you to consider.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Jacques

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What will happen if you do not have a will?

By Jacques Robert

Some of you may feel that it is unnecessary for you to have a will.

However, did you know that your common law spouse will not have any rights to your property should you die intestate (without a will)?

If you are married with children, did you know that your spouse is not entitled to the entirety of your estate but rather a portion of your estate? In fact, your spouse will only be entitled up to the first \$200,000 of the estate and the remainder will be divided between your spouse and children.

Did you know that the courts will choose a personal representative for you? This person may not be the person you would have chosen and this process will result in additional expenses.

Did you know that if you do not have a will and have no surviving spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, nephew, niece or next of kin, the property becomes the property of the Crown?

Please contact us to discuss whether will planning is appropriate for you.

Strategies to provide for your pet upon your death

By Sarah R. Morgan



These days many consider their pets as family members however, the law in Ontario currently does not recognize animals as people which means different considerations should be made when thinking about providing for your pet upon your death.

Ordering my pet to death?

In the past, some have attempted to order their pet to death by including a provision in their will to that effect. For example:

"I direct and declare that my executors have my horses shot by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and then buried."

"I direct that any dog which I may own at the time of my death be destroyed in a humane matter and I give and grant unto my Executors hereinafter named full and complete power and discretion necessary to carry out the same."

Contrary to what you may think, these owners loved their pets very much and in fact, considered them family members. They included these provisions out of fear that upon their death their pets would find themselves in the "wrong hands" and would suffer from abuse or neglect.

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Such provisions have not been upheld by courts as they violate public policy. Options you may want to consider in order to provide for the welfare of your pet is appointing a caregiver or donating your pet to the Ottawa Humane Society through the Pet Stewardship Agreement program.

Honorary Trust

An option can include appointing a caregiver in your will and requesting that the trustee provide a monthly allowance to the caregiver to be used for the care and maintenance of your pet. However, this strategy may have some pitfalls as it leaves your pets at the mercy of these individuals.

Ottawa Humane Society Pet Stewardship Agreement

It is also possible to transfer the ownership of your pet to the Ottawa Humane Society through their Pet Stewardship Agreement. For more on this program, please visit the Ottawa Humane Society's website by clicking [here](#).

For more on this topic, please contact [us](#).

Community Events

A list of community events taking place in Ottawa this June:

- Orleans Festival – June 3-4, 2011 (Orleans). For more information please click [here](#).
- Blackburn Fun Fair – June 3-5, 2011 (Blackburn Hamlet). For more information please click [here](#).
- Orleans Soap Box Derby- June 11, 2011 (Orleans). For more information please click [here](#).
- Family Fun Fair – June 11-13, 2011 (Bayshore). For more information please click [here](#).
- Festival Franco Ontarien – June 16-18, 2011 (Downtown). For more information please click [here](#).

In the community

World Vision

Our office manager, Milva Caruso has been a volunteer with World Vision for the past 20 years now.

Last fall she had the opportunity to visit her sponsor child, Huzeifa, in Eastern Ethiopia. During this trip, Milva also visited the sponsor children of Jacques and Melanie of our office.

To read the full article, please click [here](#).

Golf Tournament

On Friday, May 13th, 2011 Sarah Morgan attended the 2011 "Le Business Club d'Orleans" golf tournament fundraiser. The tournament raised \$3,000 for a number of charities including the YMCA

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and Make a Wish Foundation.

For more about this event and the Business Club please click [here](#).

About our law firm

With the dynamic vision of its key player, Jacques Robert, our firm has grown to be one of the largest real estate law firms in the Ottawa area. To meet the changing face of Real Estate Law we are continually upgrading our systems and competitively adjusting our pricing structures.

Our highly trained legal team, consisting of Sarah Morgan (associate lawyer), Adriana Caruso (law clerk), Melanie Soubliere (law clerk), Tracy Banville (administrative assistant), Michelle Soubliere (receptionist), and Milva Caruso (office manager) are all well versed in the areas of real estate law, wills and estates. We offer a fully bilingual service to our clientele - nos services sont également disponibles en français.

Our firm is on the recommended rosters for the Department of National Defense, RCMP as well as many corporate relocation firms. We are on the recommended list for all of the major builders in the region.

We have 3 locations for our clients signing convenience: the East, West, and South parts of the city. Our Central Administration is conducted at the East office which is located in Orleans just minutes from the Queensway, the main freeway through Ottawa from West to East. We are open daily from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm.

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