



## Jacques Robert Real News December 2011

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Dear clients, friends and family,

It has already been three months since our last newsletter, we hope this finds you well. We are thrilled to announce our team's newest addition, Katie Moore. With more than 10 years experience as a law clerk, eight of which have been in real estate/real estate development, our team is as strong as ever! Please join us in welcoming Katie to our team.

In this issue, we discuss power of attorneys, what they are and why they are important. We also include a list of community events taking place in Ottawa this December.

Are you still looking for a special gift for your loved ones? During this holiday season, our office is offering personalized gift certificates for Standard Wills and Power of Attorneys.

As you are surely aware santa and holiday parades are taking place across the city. Please visit our website for a list of these parades, dates and locations.

We wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

*Jacques & Sarah*

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## Power of Attorney: What Is It and Why Is It Important?

*By Sarah R. Morgan & Jacques Robert*

Have you ever wondered who would make decisions regarding your finances or health if you were in an accident and lost your mental capacity?

A Power of Attorney is an important legal document as it allows an individual who you've appointed to act on your behalf while you are still alive. It is different from a Will which only takes effect upon your death.

In the estates context, there are two types of power of attorney: Power of Attorney for Personal Care & Power of Attorney for Property.

In the event of your incapacity, your attorney for property would act on your behalf whether to sell your home or pay your bills while your attorney for personal care would make medical and health-related decisions.

Without a Power of Attorney, under Ontario law, an application to the court would be required to appoint a Guardian, to act on your behalf. This application process can be time consuming and costly. Further, the Guardian appointed by the court may not be the person you would have chosen.

Thus, a Power of Attorney allows you the opportunity to name the person or persons who you would like to act on your behalf rather than leaving it to the court's discretion.

**Our Power of Attorneys start at \$100 + HST each.**

We invite you to visit our recently updated [Power of Attorney webpage](#) for additional information and to contact us with any questions you may have.

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## Give the Gift of Estate Planning to Your Family and Friends

During this holiday season, our office is offering personalized gift certificates for Standard Wills and Power of Attorneys.

For more information about our standard Wills and Power of Attorneys please visit our [website](#).

To purchase, please contact our office directly.

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## In the Community

### Milva Caruso

Our office manager, Milva Caruso, was recently interviewed by Metro news Ottawa concerning her important work with World Vision. Read the full article [here](#). If you would like to find out how you can get involved, please contact [Milva directly](#).

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## Community Events

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

- **Free Christmas Programming (Holiday Choirs & Carriage Rides):** Saturdays and Sundays on December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 & 18 from 12-4pm @ Byward Market (Downtown). For more information click [here](#).
- **Santa's Pancake Breakfast:** December 17, 2011 from 7am-11am @ 190 Glen Park Drive, Community Centre (Blackburn Hamlet).

For Santa Claus and holiday parades please visit our [website](#).

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## 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), Katie Moore (law clerk), Eva Mooers (office administrator/receptionist), and Milva Caruso (office manager and law clerk) 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 Defence, 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 three (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 Orléans 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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