

# Saskatoon Chapter Event

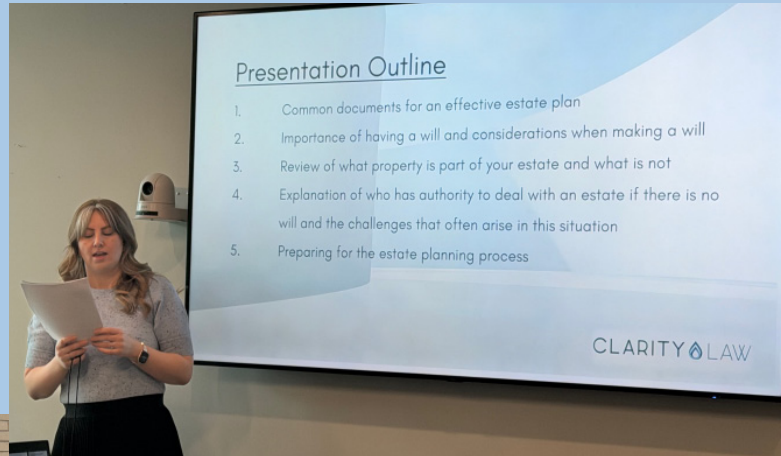
## Wills & Estates

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### Presentation Outline

1. Common documents for an effective estate plan
2. Importance of having a will and considerations when making a will
3. Review of what property is part of your estate and what is not
4. Explanation of who has authority to deal with an estate if there is no will and the challenges that often arise in this situation
5. Preparing for the estate planning process

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### Common documents for an effective estate plan

- Will
- Power of Attorney
- Health Care Directive



### Important considerations for a Will

- Executor Appointment - Having a will allows you to appoint someone (the executor) to deal with your affairs once you pass away
- Distribution of Property - You can decide how you want your estate distributed

## What is estate property?

- Executor has authority to deal with estate assets and tasks
- Not all property that someone owns at death will be the responsibility of the executor
- Joint property is not governed by the will
- Property with beneficiary designations is not governed by the will

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## The Administration of Estates Act

Priority to apply – intestacy  
 If a person dies intestate, the persons entitled to apply for letters of administration are the following, in order of priority:

- spouse;
- children;
- grandchildren and other issue of the deceased taking *per stirpes*;
- parents;
- siblings;
- nephews and nieces;
- next of kin of equal degree of consanguinity;
- creditors;
- the public guardian and trustee.

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## How is an estate distributed when there is no will?

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## Considerations for your will

- If you have a will, what does it say?
- Who is the executor and is this a good choice?
- Does the executor know what will be required?

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## Considerations for appointing an executor

- Potential issues with multiple executors
- Should be someone you trust
- Someone that you feel will do everything that needs to be done in a timely manner
- Consider their location
- Don't pick a child just because they are the oldest
- Don't appoint multiple children just so that it is "fair"
- Consider a trust company

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## Additional items to consider

- What documents do you have?
- Do you have a POA, and HCD?
- Get a general idea of your assets
- Think about what type of legacy you want to leave for your loved ones
- Ask/tell executor about appointment and where to find the will

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