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**Dear Howard,**

At my Offices, giving advice is what I do, and I am happy to provide you with advice over the phone, through [e-mail](#) or any number of [scholarly articles](#) I have written or curated over the years which I can forward to you upon request. This advice will certainly help you personally, when talking to friends, clients or family. Please consider me as your resource of first instance. I welcome the opportunity to speak with you about the articles below or any other matters within my expertise.

### SPERM, EGG AND SURROGATE CONTRACTS HAVE BLOSSOMED!

**New Legislation gives equality to all types of families.**



Ontario's All Families Are Equal Act came into force in January 2017. It addressed discrimination providing greater family security to those relying on reproductive technologies or third parties to conceive a child. Not every change was controversy-free. In my practice I focus on best practices approach with the issues of gestational surrogacy, compensation and representation of non-traditional families with an eye to the developing case law. The recent case of S.H. v. D.H. held up the contracts with the suppliers and between the Parties themselves who separated after

the birth of their child. I can help you with the following:

- the effects and implications of the All Families Are Equal Act
- the latest issues involved in commercialization of surrogacy and gamete donation
- review of legislative compliance requirements with you and penalties for non-compliance
- the supplier contract and Wills with appropriately named guardians
- the necessary cohabitation, marriage contract or postnup, a crucial rung in the ladder one still has to climb in this venture.

### HIGH-RISES REFUSE TO GET HIGH!

**Toronto-area Condo Boards Grapple with Cannabis Rules**



Much has been debated on the subject of cannabis for decades but now we are experiencing the fact of legal Cannabis use in Canada. Strangely, one issue, that of Cannabis use in the privacy of one's high rise condominium unit has taken up a significant amount of my time this month. It seems that almost every Condo Board has passed regulations against smoking any substance in one's unit. I am advising those about to purchase a condo unit to think twice about doing so, if you plan on smoking in your unit. A recent article in the Globe and Mail by Tamara Dragovic competently summarizes the facts of this continuing controversy. To read the full Article, click [here](#).

### WHY CHOOSE A CORPORATE EXECUTOR?

**Reasons why your best friend may not be your best choice.**



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Your most important estate planning decision is selecting an Executor to ensure that your last wishes are carried out. The obligations upon your chosen executor are demanding, time-consuming and are emotionally charged. A relative or friend may be held personally liable if mistakes are made. He or she has to stay completely impartial during what can be a very lengthy stressful process.

A Corporate Executor with very deep experience can settle your estate without delay and at a cost which is generally lower than the Ontario court tariff (5% of the value of the estate). RBC offers their clients a further 25% discount on the fees for assets held through RBC.

Of greatest importance, your beneficiaries will deal with an experienced Estate and Trust Specialist who coordinates all the necessary services with a clear understanding of your goals as expressed in your Will and with sensitivity to

your family issues. A Corporate Executor can also be appointed along with a spouse or family member or friend. Major decisions are made jointly while the Corporate Executor takes responsibility for all the day-to-day activities. Your beneficiaries will have the advantages of professional administration combined with the personal knowledge and understanding of someone close to you.

To learn more about this issue click [here](#) or you may [contact me](#) to set up an appointment to further discuss your executor selection.

IN SUMMARY:

As you know, I support [The Children's Wish Foundation](#) which provides children living with life-threatening illnesses the opportunity to realize their most heartfelt wish. As you may not have the time to look at their website I have some wonderful news to report from the Foundation.

The Foundations' annual Heroes Challenge event took place across Canada and with their supporters surpassed their goal and raised over \$1.2 million dollars! Enough to grant more than 100 heartfelt wishes for Canadian children who have been diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses.

Please as I do, consider making a donation.

As I already have your email address in my database, you have automatically been subscribed to these emails. Should you wish, you may unsubscribe at any time by following the instructions at the bottom of this or future emails. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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