



Hi Howard,

Being asked to be someone's executor is no longer a great honour. It's time-consuming, aggravating work complete with huge responsibilities. You need to be a financially experienced person with great organizational skills. It's not just about distributing assets, but also dealing with legal and financial matters. Keep in mind that a distraught beneficiary can sue you, even if you feel you are doing your best. That's why it's crucial to learn to say no when someone asks you to be their executor. It's important to be honest and upfront about your limitations and the potential risks involved. Instead, you can suggest alternative options, such as hiring a professional executor. By doing so, you can avoid unnecessary stress and potential conflicts down the line. Remember, saying no doesn't make you a bad person, it's simply a smart decision that can protect you and your loved ones. Don't let guilt or pressure sway your decision.

A [recent article](#) in the Wall Street Journal parrots this advice, albeit, south of the Border and is an interesting read.

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