

Wills & Personal Planning Resources

for Public Librarians and Community Helpers

Find these resources at: <http://bit.ly/clbcwills>

Direct Clients to do Research Online

☐ **Step 1** – Visit bit.ly/clbcwills and give your client a PDF printout of “Resources for the Public.”

☐ **Step 2** – If you can be more hands-on with helping a client, help answer their Qs with these:

Clicklaw: Commonly Asked Questions

How Do I Make a Will? includes resources from:



- ◆ [People’s Law School](#) · Good overview of wills, including a glossary of wills-related terms.
- ◆ [Dial-a-Law](#) · What is a will, what can it contain, who can you appoint, and what if you have children.
- ◆ [UBC LSLAP](#) · Manual used by law students handling wills cases at legal clinics. Common Provisions.
- ◆ [BC Ministry of Justice](#) · Overview of procedure to deal with a person’s estate after death.

More wills-related Common Qs:

- [Relative died without a will](#)
- [Wills for people who live on reserve](#)
- [Executor of a will – now includes Estate Guide](#)
- [Probate application and forms](#)
- [Contesting or Disputing a will](#)

Also see: [Personal Planning Common Questions – Representation Agreements, Powers of Attorney, Advance Directive, Living Will, Advance Care Planning](#)

Wills, Estates and Succession Act (Mar.31/2014)

- ◆ [Courthouse Libraries BC - Guide to WESA](#)
- ◆ [Ministry of Justice](#) · Q&As for WESA, Probate Rules.

Online Tools

- ◆ [MyLawBC](#): Get help with making a simple will online and planning for the future.
- ◆ [CLE Document Builder](#): Create downloadable wills templates with desired clauses. See our [How-To Video](#). DB can be accessed on PACs at our branches.

Additional Resources

- ◆ [Law Society PLTC Practice Material: Wills](#): Bar admission course materials are available publicly; readers must exercise their own judgment.

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Guide to Wills & Estates | [KN125.G841](#)

A practice manual for lawyers (but written for all levels).

Wills Precedents: An Annotated Guide | [KN125.9.B63](#)

Contains sample will clauses and related documents.

Wills, Estates and Succession Act Transition Guide

[KN120.W55 C65](#) Overviews of WESA and Probate Rules.

BC Probate and Estate Administration Practice Manual

[KN127.B75 A2](#) Steps on managing probate & estate.

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General non-BC-specific backgrounders on wills:

- ◆ *When I Die: Financial Planning for Life and Death* by Garry Duncan (2019)
- ◆ *The Canadian Guide to Will and Estate Planning 4th Edition* by Douglas Gray and John Budd (2017)

Refer Clients to Clinics, Registries

- ◆ [Access Pro Bono Wills Clinics](#): Vancouver - Free help w/ simple wills, representation agreements for low-income seniors 55+ & people w/ terminal illnesses. **604.424.9600** or willsclinic@accessprobono.ca
- ◆ [Access Pro Bono Roster Wills Program](#): Free help on non-litigious wills and estates matters. For qualifying people outside of the lower mainland. Roster Coordinator: mquigg@accessprobono.ca
- ◆ [UBC LSLAP Clinics](#): Free help drafting wills (estates under 25K) and personal planning documents for low-income earners. **604.822.5791**
- ◆ [Wills Registry](#): Register or search for a wills notice.
- ◆ [Nidus Personal Planning Registry](#): Securely file copies of legal documents online, including wills.

- ✓ Go to <http://bit.ly/clbcwills> for complete and updated list of links to resources, services, and events.