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"Do you store original wills at your firm for clients?"

Key dates

April 30, 2015

Real estate and civil litigation transaction levies and forms are due for the quarter ended March 31, 2015.

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Exemption forms from lawyers not practising civil litigation or real estate and wanting to exempt themselves from quarterly filings are due.

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Are you ready for the Estate Information Return?

As of January 1, 2015, estate administrators have been required to file an Estate Information Return within 90 days of the appointment of an estate trustee. Are you ready to assist estate representatives with this new requirement? Learn about the relevant amendments to the *Estate Administration Tax Act* and about what you'll need to tell your clients. [more](#)

Ask critical questions to head off will challenges

Asking critical questions before drafting ensures that the will accurately reflects the testator's intentions, and - provided the answers to the questions are documented - minimizes the lawyer's risk of a challenge that leads to a claim. Find out which information gaps are most likely to lead to claims. [more](#)

Claims trends in wills and estates practice at-a-glance

Did you know that the rate of claims in wills and estates practice has been increasing steadily over the past decade? Read about the most common causes of wills and estates-based claims, and about what you can do to protect your practice in our handy two-page Claims Fact Sheet. [more](#)

Lawyers: Protect your estate with sufficient run-off coverage

When a lawyer passes away while still in private practice, LAWPRO's run-off protection kicks in. While standard run-off may be enough coverage for lawyers who have been retired for several years (since potential claims will have had time to develop), it may not be sufficient for a lawyer who was practising full-time right up until death. Learn why a lawyer's executor should contact LAWPRO for advice about how to protect the estate against the cost of potential claims. [more](#)

Handling an inter vivos transfer? Document parties' intentions

If you are retained to handle a property transfer without meaningful consideration from an older adult to a person who might be expected to be a beneficiary under that person's will (adult child, niece/nephew, etc.), ask the parties about the reason for the transfer to avoid unexpected results. [more](#)

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