

# Fabris McIver & Durvin Releases New Estate Planning Guide for Nanaimo and British Columbia Residents

*New estate planning resource provides practical information re: wills, powers of attorney, representation agreements, probate & estate law in British Columbia.*

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Nanaimo law firm Fabris McIver & Durvin has released a comprehensive new [Estate Planning Guide for Nanaimo, BC](#) designed to help individuals and families better understand wills, estate planning and succession law in British Columbia.

The newly published guide provides practical information for residents of Nanaimo, Vancouver Island and communities throughout British Columbia who are preparing an estate plan for the first time or reviewing documents created years ago.

Estate planning involves much more than deciding how assets will be distributed after death. A complete plan may include a valid will, an enduring power of attorney, a representation agreement and careful consideration of assets such as registered investments, life insurance, jointly held property and business interests.

The guide explains these different elements and provides an overview of how British Columbia's



Wills, Estates and Succession Act, commonly known as WESA, affects wills and estates in the province.

Among the subjects covered in the new resource are:

The requirements for creating a legally valid will in British Columbia

What happens when someone dies without a will

Enduring powers of attorney

Representation agreements for health and personal care decisions

Probate and estate administration

Wills variation claims and disinheritance

Will challenges and questions of testamentary capacity

Executor responsibilities and potential executor misconduct

Estate planning considerations for blended families

Reviewing an estate plan following significant life changes

The firm's wills and estates lawyers in Nanaimo assist clients with estate and succession planning, including the preparation of wills, powers of attorney, representation agreements and trusts, as well as estate administration and related legal matters.

One of the important messages addressed in the guide is that planning for incapacity can be just as important as planning for what happens after death. While a will generally takes effect following death, an enduring power of attorney can allow a trusted individual to manage financial and legal affairs if a person becomes incapable. A representation agreement can separately address health care and personal care decisions.

These documents generally need to be prepared while an individual still has the legal capacity to make them, making advance planning particularly important.

The guide also addresses what can happen when no valid will is in place. In British Columbia, the distribution of an intestate estate is determined by provincial legislation rather than by informal wishes expressed by the deceased. This can become particularly important for families involving common-law relationships, children from previous relationships or more complex family circumstances.

Vancouver Island residents may also face estate-planning considerations involving valuable real estate, retirement assets, family businesses, agricultural property, blended families and multi-generational households.

"Planning ahead can provide much greater clarity for both the person making the plan and the family members who may eventually be responsible for carrying it out," said a spokesperson for Fabris McIver & Durvin. "Our new guide is intended to give British Columbians a practical starting point for understanding the different parts of an estate plan and the questions they may want to

discuss with a lawyer.”

In addition to estate planning, Fabris McIver & Durvin's wills and estates practice assists clients when disputes arise after a death. This can include will challenges, wills variation claims, concerns regarding the conduct of executors and other estate litigation matters.

Residents looking for information about [estate planning in Nanaimo](#) can read the complete guide online.

#### About Fabris McIver & Durvin

Fabris McIver & Durvin is an association of lawyers and law corporations based in Nanaimo, British Columbia. The firm has been serving clients since 1980 and provides a broad range of legal services to individuals, families and businesses throughout Vancouver Island and British Columbia.

The firm's practice areas include wills and estates, estate litigation, personal injury, employment law, civil litigation, real estate law and business and corporate law.

For those seeking lawyers in Nanaimo or assistance with wills, estates and succession planning, Fabris McIver & Durvin offers consultations from its Nanaimo office.

Read the Complete Estate Planning Guide:

<https://fabris-law.com/estate-planning-guide-for-nanaimo-bc-fabris-law/>

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