Your Professional Will: A Facilitated Workshop

Workshop Overview:

Although we may not like to think about it, life circumstances can happen to any of us at any time which can impact our ability to act to ensure the best interests of our clients.

What is a professional will or contingency plan for a psychologist or other mental health clinician? The purpose of a professional will for a psychologist is to ensure that their clients receive appropriate care and support even if the psychologist is unable to continue their practice due to unforeseen circumstances, such as illness, disability, or death. At the basic level, it is a document that gives instructions to a designated individual regarding your psychology practice as well as the authority to act on your behalf in the event of your death or incapacitation. The goal of this workshop is to provide information and examples about professional wills for psychologists on how to devise the plan and create such a document.

As part of our registration, NSBEP requires each psychologist to designate a colleague who is willing to assume immediate responsibility for the notification of clients and for the clinical records. We are to give that colleague a plan of action and provided documentation indicating they have been given the right to access all the information necessary for facilitating continuity of care and for taking clinical records into their possession. (NSBEP **G**uidelines: Arrangements for Retirement; Death or; Incapacity). Bring your laptop – this is a faciliatated workshop designed to have participants start to create a draft document that day!

Audience:

This workshop is appropriate for registered psychologists.

For more information about this workshop please contact: apns@apns.ca

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Your Professional Will: A Facilitated Workshop presented by Kim O'Connor, R.Psych. and guest speaker Tanya L. Butler, TEP, Touchstone Legal

Friday, April 12, 2024 - 9 am - 4:00 pm, Mount Saint Vincent University, Rosaria Bldg. Don MacNeil Room #401



Kim O'Connor is a Registered Psychologist with the NSBEP with a background in developmental and school psychology. She completed her undergraduate degree (B.Sc. Honours) in Psychology at Acadia University and her graduate degree (M.Ed. School Psychology) at the University of Manitoba in 2003.

Kim is a Part-Time Faculty member in the Department of Psychology at Acadia University, where she teaches assessment courses in the MSc Clinical Psychology graduate program, as well as a Clinical Associate in Psychology at Acadia. Kim is the principal psychologist and proprietor of Riverdale Centre Psychological Services. She has been working in private practice in Nova Scotia since 2004. Kim is the current President-Elect of APNS. She also coordinates a professional group called the Valley Connection of Psychologists, which supports networking and collegial support among psychologists and their ongoing professional development.



Tanya's practice focuses on private client work in estates and trusts, including all aspects of estate planning, probate and administration, and litigation. Tanya acts for trust companies, financial institutions, charitable entities, incorporated professionals, owner-managed businesses. Her work at Touchstone includes wills and estate planning, creation and administration of trusts, asset protection plans, probate avoidance,

incapacity planning, and planned giving. Tanya advises executors, trustees, guardians, and people caring for the needs of others under a power of attorney or a personal directive. Tanya holds the designation of Trusts & Estate Practitioner from the Society of Trustand Estate Practitioners and serves on the executive of the STEP Atlantic Branch. She is Chair of the NS Elder Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA), and past Chair of the Wills, Estates, and Trusts Section. She is a member of the Halifax Estate Planning Council, a past lecturer at the CBA National Will, Estate, and Trust Fundamentals Course, and has sat on the Steering Committee of the Estates & Trusts Practitioners' Forum held at Langdon Hall in Ontario. Tanya is from the Annapolis Valley, and studied at Acadia and Queen's, before taking a law degree at the University of New Brunswick.

Schedule

9:00 am - Registration and Refreshments 9:30 to 10:45 am - Workshop Intro, info and presentation 10:45 to 11:00 am -- Refreshment Break 11:00 - Workshop resumes 12 :15 pm to 1:30 pm -- Lunch (provided) 1:30 pm to 2:45 -- Tanya Butler presents 2:45 to 3:00 pm -- Refreshment Break 3:00 to 4:00 -- Drafts and discussion 4:00 pm -- Workshop ends



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*Are you a student who would like to attend this workshop, but has limited funds? Contact apns@apns.ca. We may be able to help.

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Deadline for registration - 12 noon, April 10th

Please contact APNS to reserve space. A nonrefundable admin fee of \$35. may be charged for all late cancellations. Notification must be received by APNS 2 days prior to the workshop to be eligible for a refund.

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Expiry Date

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