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GUIDE to WILLS & ESTATES

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GUIDE to WILLS & ESTATES is the comprehensive how-to-do-it practice manual for legal support staff and others working in the field. Published and updated for almost 20 years, it has been diligently re-written for **WESA**. The **GUIDE** has stood the test of time and is a **trusted** and **must-have resource** for any BC law or notary office.

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Hands-on

Practical

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Chapter I OVERVIEW

Provides an overview of legislation and Probate Rules in a simplified fashion as they relate to support staff's work in preparing Wills as well as the new and complex process of application and administration of estates.

Chapter II WILLS

This chapter explains the steps involved in Will preparation and execution -- from client interview and information gathering (an excellent Checklist is provided) to preparation and processing of a well-constructed Will using WESA-compliant clauses. Clauses are lawyer-edited and written in plain language to be easily understood by the most important person in the whole process, the Will-Maker. Using a quick-reference format for speedy document preparation, precedents are set out on the right-hand page and the explanation is on the left-hand page. Everything at your fingertips. The main chapters are:

- A. Procedure
- B. Letters
- C. Documents
- D. Precedent Clauses

Chapter III ESTATES

This very extensive chapter includes: the whole new procedure for estate applications; the new Notice of Proposed Application in relation to estate; the new Forms explained (which are more numerous and complicated than the previous ones); considerations with the issue of Spousal Home, and; explanation of changes brought about by WESA and the new Probate Rules. Quick-reference format (see above). The main chapters are:

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Chapter IV HELPFUL INFORMATION

As the title implies, this Chapter is where you will find all those important bits of reference information, such as Website Links, Checklists, Addresses, Glossary, Fee Schedules and Index and more. Easy access to updated information means improved efficiency.

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