

May is LEAVE A LEGACY™ month and it's time to start a conversation ... with your lawyer.

First question: do you have a will? Second question: is it up to date? Last question: if the answer to questions 1 or 2 is "no" – what are you waiting for?

Over 56% of adult Canadians do not have a will! This means 56% of adult Canadians are leaving all final decisions about their estate to the government – who the beneficiaries will be, who will administer their estate and who will become guardians of any dependent children. There will be no consideration given to minimizing taxes (thus reducing the amount of your estate going to your beneficiaries). Is this really what you want to happen to the estate you have worked to hard to build?

Creating and/or updating your will is the first step. And while you are preparing for that first step, you may want to consider leaving a bequest to one or more of your favourite charities. You have, over the years, supported one or more of your favourite charities' annual and/or capital campaigns; why not continue that support in perpetuity.

Family first, of course, and others who hold a special place in your heart. Supporting one or more of your favourite charities can impact those people as well — by reducing taxes and leaving more in the estate for them, but more importantly through the impact made by the charity in the very community your family and others live. Think about it, a legacy that lives on for your grandchildren and their grandchildren ...

May is LEAVE A LEGACY™ month and it's time to start a conversation ... with your family, your financial advisors, your favourite charity and your lawyer. Don't wait, start the conversation today and make an impact forever.

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