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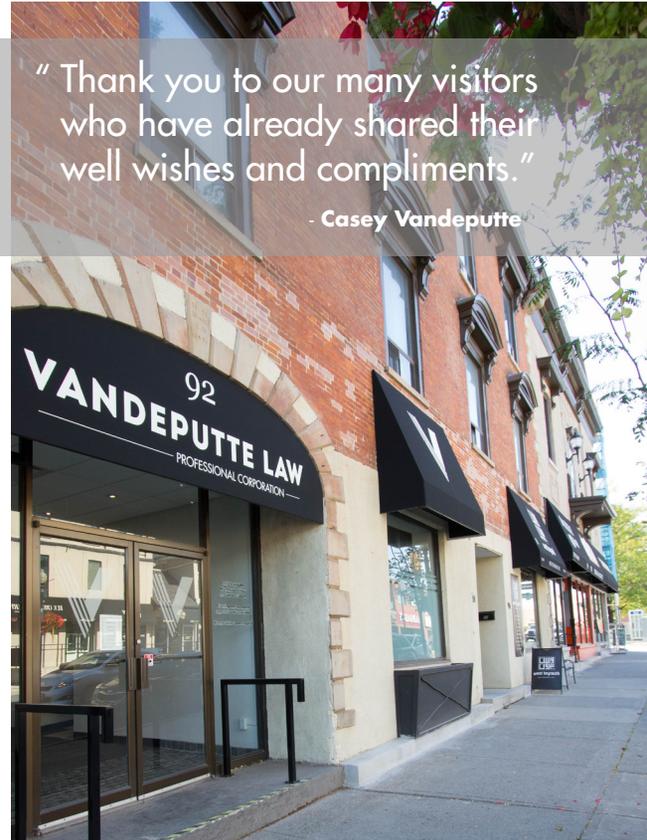
We are happy to be settled into our new space at 92 King W. Thank you to our many visitors who have already shared their well wishes and compliments. I strongly believe that to perform at our best we have to be comfortable in our space and our new office suits us perfectly. In achieving that result, I offer my sincere thanks in particular to Janelle Elgersma. She was the main creative force behind the design, she drove the project forward, she sourced the work and materials, and, most importantly, she tolerated my feedback. Our thanks to Tim Schilthuis and Schilthuis Construction for their planning, organization, prompt communication, and superb quality of workmanship. Although there were many other contributors who made the project a success, I want to single out Chris McHugh for providing us with our very sharp awnings.

Dundas is a special community. While we are enjoying being busier than ever before, I am also cognisant of the brevity of the chapter we are writing compared to many of our neighbours. As we approach 100 days in our new location – and think it to be a big deal – we only need to look down the street to receive a healthy dose of perspective. Our heartfelt congratulations go out to Picone Fine Foods on 100 years in Dundas!

Many of the folks I meet have a story to share about the past occupants of our location, from the horse drawn carriage stopping in the archway of our awnings, to the watch repairman servicing watches for engineers on the railroad during the Depression. I will always have time to hear a story about how our business is continuing to weave an already extensive fabric of the history of our fine town.

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- Casey Vandeputte



Fall Estate Planning

Summer has come to an end according to most measures, and the Fall routine has begun to set in and feel normal again. Normal may be school day madness in the mornings and the return of hockey tournaments and other extracurriculars. Some families are experiencing a slowdown from normal with children moving out to university and are becoming accustomed to an empty nest for the first time.

At Vandeputte Law, there are a few seasonal reminders to consider as life resumes its version of normal. If you have not considered the provisions of your will in a few years (or decades) it may be time to sit down and discuss how your changing lifestyle ought to translate into changes in your estate plan.

One of the most frequent choices of contemplation is the appointment of the executor in your will. Frequently a couple will select each other, and, in the alternative, one or more of their adult children. Here are Casey's top five factors you should consider when appointing your executor:

- 1) Can your Executor act fairly and impartially towards all of the people named in your will?

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- 2) Can he/she keep appropriate records needed to account for the assets of your estate?
- 3) Can he/she be relied upon to understand and fulfill your wishes as expressed in your will?
- 4) Can the Executors (if multiple people named) work together as team?
- 5) If conflict is likely or inevitable, can the Executor navigate the negotiation of competing interests and stand up to the more forceful personalities?

At Vandeputte Law, we pride ourselves in estate planning that focuses on the details of your particular circumstances. We present you with options that will best achieve your goals, and counsel you on the areas of risk. Let's sit down and discuss how we can reduce your stress and reduce any feelings of bitterness (possibly leading to litigation) of those who are left behind.

Real Estate Tips

Promotional pricing continues for residential real estate transactions! Our real estate legal fees start at \$595.*

Our success in this area is a direct result of a continued dedication and emphasis on managing your expectations through frequent communication, accessible lawyers, timely updates on progress and our friendly, skilled and experienced staff.

* Applies to transactions for deals where the purchase price is under \$600,000 and no financing to charge or discharge. Additional registrations (for example, survivorships, transmission applications or the like) will result in additional fees. Call today to discuss the details of your transaction.

Bridge Hand Of The Month

Some of you know I am enthusiastic about playing bridge. In mid September I played two days at the Barrie Regional Tournament. Though the overall results were not much to brag about I did come across this interesting hand:

♠ -- ♥ QJ7632 ♦ K ♣ AKQ1076

I opened 1H, passed by my left hand opponent, and my partner bids the expected 1S. Not wanting to go too far too fast I rebid 2C. My partner responds 4H. Now I fell in love with my hand and I jumped to 6H.

The lead was the A of hearts and the dummy came down:

♠ KQJ4 ♥ K1095 ♦ Q109 ♣ 32

Everyone followed to the lead. After some hesitation, my opponent continued with a heart. That drew the last trump and I discarded the dummy's diamonds on the long clubs when the jack fell. Making six, missing three aces. The remaining two aces were held by my right hand opponent. On a spade lead, the roughing finesse would have allowed me to discard the losing diamond on the good spade but I would have to risk taking two rounds of clubs and entering the dummy through a club rough. The result was a tie for top in our section. 4 of 5 who bid the slam made it. 4 of 7 bidding below the slam level made 6. Would you have found the winning diamond lead, or switch after leading the ace of hearts?

Family Law Tips

Recently a client asked me how she could give her adult son a gift towards the down payment on his first home but protect the gift from a claim from the son's fiancé, should the son and his fiancé separate at some point after purchasing the property. This is situation highlights how multiple areas of law can find a nexus in our everyday lives.

Vandeputte Law can assist you with private mortgages, promissory notes, cohabitation agreements, marriage contracts, common law spousal rights to joint property and fidelity to institutional lender mortgage commitments. All of these areas could factor into the situation described above. Vandeputte Law is your "one stop shop" for all your legal needs.

Estate Litigation Tips

Are you or your adult son or daughter a beneficiary under a Will and the Estate Trustee is lax in responding to requests to pay out funds?

I have seen numerous wills drafted with trusts that are vulnerable to being wound up on request by an adult beneficiary (rather than being required to reach the age of 25 years or whichever age is stipulated in the trust). Essentially, an adult beneficiary who is completely entitled as to the interest and the capital of a trust fund may wind up the trust the day he or she turns 18 years old, regardless of the condition of reaching a certain age.

If you think your will could contain a vulnerable trust, or if you would like to have some help in receiving the benefit of an inheritance today instead of waiting until you are 25 years old, make an appointment to see us today.



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