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Municipal Retirees
ORGANIZATION ONTARIO

Your Will and Powers of Attorney - Get it done!

MROO believes strongly that all retirees should have wills and powers of attorney properly prepared and up to date.

Members at many of our annual zone meetings have paid close attention to presentations about wills and powers of attorney. For most of us, these documents are not complicated. However, they save money and avert conflict when we pass away. Moreover, powers of attorney for personal care can help to generate the family discussions that all doctors say we should have before our health deteriorates.

MROO has made arrangements with two well respected law firms with specialists in this area of law. These firms have agreed to make their services available to our members to prepare wills and powers of attorney at advantageous prices.

Frank Shostack, whose articles have appeared in our newsletter, is an associate in the law firm of Devry Smith Law LLP. Frank can be reached at:

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Eileen Quinn, whose presentations on this subject to several zone meetings have received high praise, operates Quinn Estate Law. Eileen can be reached at:

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Both firms have procedures in place to help MROO members in most of Ontario.

Wills state your wishes for the disposition of your assets upon your death. Powers of attorney state your wishes for decision making (either for finances/property or for your personal care) when you are still alive but unable to make those decisions for yourself. For most of us ordinary people, these decisions only involve our spouses and/or our children.

But, as both Frank and Eileen will confirm, death - and ugly family disputes as you become incapacitated and after your death - are not just something that happens in Hollywood!

Just to be clear while MROO has confidence in these two firms, we would not be involved in any way whatsoever in your relationship with them or in your affairs. You may decide on another firm to draw up these all important documents.

Our message is this:

- Don't put it off
- Don't think that wills and powers of attorney may be important for others but not for you
- Get it done and get it done right!