

Dear Member,

Re: The *Act to Amend the Wills Act 2020* comes into force on May 1, 2021

Please note that on May 1, 2021 the *Act to Amend the Wills Act 2020* will come into force. The changes will affect how wills must be made and administered in the Yukon.

Changes include:

- ∞ Provisions for making a will valid;
- ∞ Sections requiring automatic revocation of a will when the testator marries will be repealed;
- ∞ Gifts and appointments to a former spouse will be automatically revoked, unless the will directs otherwise;
- ∞ Gifts that lapse or fail will be allocated according to a system of priorities;
- ∞ Courts will have powers to correct certain errors in a will; and
- ∞ International Wills may be made and upheld in the Yukon.

To learn more, click [here](#) for the Yukon Government's overview of changes for the legal community.

For your clients and the general public, click [here](#) for a summary that will explain the changes and how they'll affect any will prepared in the Yukon.

If you have any questions you can contact William Steinburg, Senior Government Policy Analyst, by email at justice@yukon.ca or by phone at 867-667-3033.