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**Make a Will now. Rest assured later.
Canadian Bar Association (CBA) Nunavut Branch releases Will Info Sheets to aid
Nunavummiut on December 6 in Iqaluit .**

On December 6, 2014 the CBA Nunavut Branch (NU Branch) will hold its first Pro Bono event in Iqaluit. This is one way for the CBA to give back to the community and for the members to engage directly with Nunavummiut and raise awareness about the importance of drafting a Will. As part of the CBA Wills Campaign, an info sheet – *5 things you need to know about Wills* – will be handed out and information will be provided to the public.

Compared to the rest of Canada, Nunavut has one of the highest rate of individuals passing away without a Will. Not knowing the wishes of their loved ones causes family members a lot of confusion during a time of grief. In addition, dying without a Will means that the property of the deceased will be distributed in accordance with legislation instead of the wishes of the deceased.

This lack of understanding about the importance of Wills amongst Nunavummiut is in part due to the absence of user friendly tools, available both in English and Inuktitut, to help them draft a Will. In 2012, the Department of Justice launched a Nunavut Sample Will Guide which is a vital and important tool and is the foundation for the development of the info sheet. The info sheet contains fundamental information about Wills, written in an easy to understand manner and will be available both in English and Inuktitut.

For everyone who is interested in learning more about creating a Will, the information sheet will be available on Saturday December 6th from 2-4pm at the NorthMart table.

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