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New STEP Canada Resource



During the development of the recent Conflict of Laws in Estate Planning & Administration seminar that was broadcasted to delegates across the country as part of all eleven 2021 Q1 & Q2 Branch/Chapter Bundles, an extremely valuable resource chart was assembled.

Our thanks to the seminar moderators: **Rhonda Johnson**, LLB, TEP, Edmonton: Dentons Canada LLP; and **Harmanjit Mavi**, JD, MBA, TEP, Winnipeg: MLT Aikins LLP; who undertook this mammoth task, and to the jurisdictional contributors from across the country.

Members can review answers for each jurisdiction to 10 important questions by logging onto their My STEP account on www.step.ca and clicking on the Resource Chart link in the Resource section. Moving forward, the Public Policy Committee will monitor jurisdictional law to ensure the chart is kept up to date.

23rd National Conference

Don't miss out on this year's top event!

Join over 700 already-registered delegates for the most anticipated event of the year. The 23rd National Conference is only one month away, but there is still time to register. This years' conference features two days of technical sessions and offers up to 9.00 hours of substantive CPD. We look forward to welcoming more than 40 highly regarded speakers from across Canada, the United States, and overseas, who will share their expertise on the latest trends and developments from the trust and estate industry.

In addition to all the diverse and in-depth technical content, delegates can also look forward to joining their fellow practitioners for a virtual 'social event' on Monday, June 14th.

We hope to 'see' you there!

Details and Registration

Membership Renewals

The due date for 2021-2022 membership renewals was April 1, 2021.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. Renewing your membership with STEP Canada grants you multiple membership benefits such as access to member-only resource guides, charts, and publications, discounts on continuing education events, representation from STEP, and much more.

For students: Please note that you will not be eligible to write the May 31, 2021 exam if your membership has not been renewed.

For those attending the 23rd National Conference: Your membership must be renewed prior to June 1, 2021 to receive the preferential Member rate.

Please submit payment through the STEP Canada website by logging into your profile here: Click here to login

2021 Q1 & Q2 Branch/Chapter Bundles

Thank you to all who have joined us so far for the presentations included in the 2021 Q1 & Q2 Branch/Chapter Bundles! We have been thrilled to receive such positive feedback from our delegates. The January, February, and March seminars have been archived and can be found on the app, available for you to view at any time.

Haven't registered yet? It's not too late! Register now to access all previous sessions (including presentation materials and chat room transcripts) in the Branch Bundle App, along with the remaining two sessions still to be broadcast.

Coming up next:

The May session will be a presentation brought to you by your local Branch/Chapter and will be a topic specific to your region. Follow the link below to find out what your local Branch/Chapter is presenting in May.

Details and Registration

eNews & Resource Updates

RE: 2021 Federal Budget April 23, 2021 From the STEP Canada Trust & Estate Technical Committee **Click here for more information**

Executing Estate Documents in Canada in 2021:

Covid-19 Amendments and How to Effect Safe (And Valid) Signings

From the STEP Canada Trust & Estate Technical Committee STEP Canada has prepared a resources chart for its members to reference the options for having documents signed in each province and territory. This guide is effective as of May 7, 2021. The chart can be found under the 'Resources' section when logged in to your My STEP account at www.step.ca.

Conflict of Laws Chart

From the 2021 Q1 & Q2 Branch Bundle seminar 'Conflict of Laws' and the STEP Canada Public Policy Committee

During the development of the above noted seminar an extremely valuable resource chart was assembled, so that members can review answers to 10 important questions across different Canadian jurisdictions. The chart can be found under the 'Resources' section when logged in to your My STEP account at **www.step.ca**.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (Canada) will be held on **Thursday June 10th, 2021 at 1:00 pm ET.**

An official meeting notice was emailed to all Full Members of STEP Canada on Thursday, April 29th. Please note that only Full Members in good standing (membership renewed) are eligible to register and attend.

Please email Member Services with any questions or to be resent the invitation.

Practitioner Opportunities

Advertising with STEP Canada's Practitioner Opportunities service offers a highly cost-effective, quick, and simple way to attract the right candidates in this industry. STEP Canada is proud to offer a Practitioner Opportunity service as a great resource for connecting the highest caliber of trust and estate practitioners to employers.

Head of Wills & Estates - Boughton Law Corporation (Vancouver)

Senior Trust Officer - RBC Royal Trust (Halifax)

Have questions?

More on Practitioner Opportunities or Post an Opportunity

Education Centre

Exam Sittings & Essay Submission Dates

Education Program	Exam/Essay Dates	Registration Deadlines
CETA 1	Accessible at any time	Exams must be completed within 6 months of registration
CETA 2-4 (English & French)	June 1, 2021 September 1, 2021	May 1, 2021 August 1, 2021
STEP Diploma Program (English & French)	May 31, 2021 November 1, 2021	October 1, 2021
Essay Submission	May 1, 2021* October 1, 2021*	-

*2021 topics have been updated and can be found here

Notice from the Education Team

Diploma and CETA Students:

The online exam procedures will be changing. STEP will be introducing a new online exam platform to deliver a better test-taking experience for our students. The education department will be hosting a webmeeting to review the exam procedures and host a Q&A for administrative questions on **May 19th, 2021 at 12:00 noon ET.** The session will be recorded for those that cannot attend. The meeting invite will be sent via email and posted in the course website. This meeting will be held in English.

Diploma Students:

STEP Education is pleased to offer interactive seminars for our Law of Trusts, Taxation of Trusts & Estates and the Wills, Trust & Estate Administration courses in English and French. Please check your email (including spam folders) and the course website for information.

Reminder: All program/course inquiries should be directed to education@step.ca.



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