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Finding a will in the Czech Republic

~ Legal professionals, some questions/answers to assist you ~

→ When the existence of a will has been established, who has to be contacted to obtain information about its content?

Information on the content of a will is provided by the judicial commissioner, i.e. the notary tasked with opening the will by the court settling the succession.

Foreign courts and legal professionals responsible for settling the succession abroad can use the mutual legal assistance mechanism to obtain a copy of the will.

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→ Who is entitled to receive the information?

The information contained in the will and/or a copy of the will itself may be sent to public authorities and anyone with a legitimate interest. Foreign public authorities and legal professionals responsible for settling the succession abroad can be deemed to have a legitimate interest, and they must go through the mutual legal assistance system.

→ Is there a particular procedure to be followed? If so, which one?

For the information contained in the will, or a copy of the will itself, to be communicated, the will must have been opened in accordance with Czech law.

→ By what means can the information be sent?

A certified copy of the will (in the form of a certified extract of the last wishes) is sent by post.

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