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Finding a will in Poland

~ 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 the will is sent by the notary holding the will or the court responsible for settling the succession. The contact details of the notary holding the will can be obtained by making a search of the Polish Register of Wills, in particular via the European Network of Registers of Wills (ENRW).

→ Who is entitled to receive the information?

The information contained in the will, and if necessary a certified copy of the will itself, can be sent to public authorities, legal professionals responsible for settling the succession, wherever they are located, and, more generally, to any person with a legitimate interest (heirs, legatees, etc.). Evidence of this interest must be provided.

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

For the information contained in the will, or a certified copy, to be communicated, the will must have been opened and published in accordance with Polish law.

→ By what means must the information be sent?

Certified copies of the will and of the record of opening and publication of the will are sent by post.

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