

Dim outlook on jobs for Canadian youth

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In a word: Dismal. This is the outlook Canadians have on the economic future of our youth and their ability to find good jobs, according to a recent survey. The survey, conducted online in February by Abacus Data for the Broadbent Institute, revealed 49% of Canadians between 50 and 65

believe youth will have fewer economic opportunities than they had. Brian Bambury, regional sales manager for Old Dutch Foods, shares the same concerns. "As the baby boomers start retiring, hopefully jobs will open up for that generation," said the 50-year-old father of three. "But until that happens, it's not as good as it was for me." The survey asked 983 Canadi-

ans from both generations their thoughts on the economic future of young people. Kathryn Jean, a 28-year-old problem resolution analyst, isn't surprised by the survey's findings either. "I think budget cuts and less jobs are the major factors," she said. Jean believes finding a job is easy but finding a career is the problem. The millennials are more optimis-

tic about their future than the boomers though, with 21% believing corporations will create good jobs. Only 15% of boomers share this belief. Jean agrees with the small minority of millennials. She believes corporations will have no choice. "They may be forced to when all the baby boomers retire at once and they are left with an untrained workforce," she said.

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KELLY MANTHORP HEAPHY

Working through estate litigation issues

It might not be pleasant to think about but there are disputes that go on after someone has passed away surrounding that person's estate.

Perhaps you recently lost an elderly parent and were shocked to learn your parent changed his/her will just before they died. And instead of the estate being evenly divided among the children as you had expected, it is now being given 50% to a neighbour and the remaining 50% divided among the children. And perhaps even the executor of the will was changed with the newest version and it's now that same neighbour that is the new executor. You might even be surprised to learn that some lawyer had been used to conduct these changes when your parent had traditionally used the same family lawyer for years.

That's when the red flag should go up and you should be seeking the professional help of an estate litigator.

Miriam Vale Peters is an estate and civil litigation lawyer with Kelly Manthorp Heaphy Barristers Solicitors and Notaries. She deals with any disputes that involve the



deceased's property or their will or disputes surrounding how the will is being administered including who the people are who are named as executors.

"I come in when the problems arise," she said. "I would try to settle the dispute."

So in the case of the deceased elderly parent and the neighbour who is now part of the will, the children may turn to someone like Vale Peters. The estate litigator would question whether it is a valid will and look to see if the deceased was unduly influenced, whether instructions for the new will were given with that same neighbour in the room, and whether

the deceased senior was capable of making such decisions at the time the new will was made.

In such a situation, Vale Peters could be requested by the children to take steps to have the newly named executor (a.k.a. the neighbour) removed as the estate trustee.

"Estate disputes are a niche area," said Vale Peters. She adds that not every civil litigator specializes in this.

As an estate litigation lawyer, Vale Peters also deals with power of attorney disputes, guardianship applications and elder abuse cases.

She advises that if you have a fear that your elderly parent might be being taken advantage of and is not making sound decisions, you can seek a capacity assessment for your senior parent from a family doctor with the guidance of a lawyer.

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