

## **PRIVACY CASE NOTES**

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### **Privacy rights after death - IPP 2**

A person was researching their family history and sought access to the Will of a family member now several decades deceased. Under the *Information Act* a person's privacy rights extend 5 years after death. Beyond that time, there is no privacy protection of the deceased's personal information, but third parties mentioned in the Will may still have privacy rights. The purpose of a Will may encompass expressing the deceased person's views and wishes to their descendants, and so providing the Will to a descendant for the purpose of a private family history would be a closely related secondary purpose.