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Patrick Thibaudeau photo

Daniel (left) and Aiden Thibaudeau drop off 180 pounds of food and \$1,250 (including \$210 of their own money) to the Georgetown Bread Basket food bank. This marked the seventh year the twins, now 12, collected in support of the food bank in lieu of birthday gifts.

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My mother passed away and she named my sister as the estate trustee. I recently received a copy of my mother's Will from the estate lawyer and found out that the Will gives most of the estate to my sister (estate trustee). I also noticed that the Will was done shortly before my mother passed away. I don't believe that the Will is fair, or that it reflects what my mother intended. What can I do?

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The Will is understood to reflect the last wishes of the deceased. However, there are ways to challenge the Will if you believe that it does not reflect the true intentions of your mother. The obvious questions that arise in your case, are whether your mother had the requisite capacity at the time she executed the most recent Will, and whether your sister (or anyone else) unduly influenced your mother, resulting in the most recent changes to her Will. The answers to these questions are not always easy to obtain, and often requires the assistance of the court. If your sister has applied, but not yet been granted a Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee with a Will, you can object to her appointment, provided that you have grounds to do so. Taking such a step will put the brakes on the administration of the estate and require further involvement of the court. How much involvement, depends on the facts and the parties involved. If you are dealing with an estate issue, give us a call to set up a free ½ hour consultation. Enjoy the weekend.

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