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My common law partner recently passed away and he didn't have a Will. What am I entitled to from his estate?



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When it comes to a person passing away without a Will, there is a significant difference between married couples and common law couples. In a case where the couple is married and one of them dies without a Will, the surviving spouse is entitled to what is referred to as the "preferential share", after estate expenses are paid. If the spouse passed away before March 1, 2021, the preferential share is \$200,000. If the spouse passed away on or after March 1, 2021, the preferential share is \$350,000. If there are children of the deceased spouse, they will share any remainder with the surviving spouse. The entitlement for children includes adult children even if they have been estranged and had little or no contact with the deceased.

The problem for common law spouses is that they are not included in the definition of "spouse" in the relevant legislation. This means that they do not benefit under the estate when there is no Will. One option that may be available to a common law spouse, is something called a "dependant support claim".

If you are dealing with an estate issue, give us a call to set up a free 1/2 hour consultation. Stay safe and enjoy the weekend.

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