

kin to the deceased person, either in Canada or elsewhere, they should communicate immediately with them, ascertain their wishes, and endeavour to comply with them, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in these instructions.

Instructions when
not
empowered to act

23.11 If a consular officer is asked to undertake the administration or distribution of an estate, and if the case is one in which he is not empowered under these instructions to do so, he should, in explaining his inability to act, furnish the applicant with the name of a reputable lawyer or agent residing on the spot to whom such duty could be entrusted. The furnishing of the name must be expressly subject to a disclaimer of responsibility.

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(b) Property devolving on Residents of Canada from Estates of Persons dying in Foreign Countries.

Recommending
an Attorney

23.17 Where heirs in Canada are interested in being represented in the administration of an estate, consuls should recommend an attorney to represent the heirs, but the recommendation should be expressly subject to a disclaimer of responsibilities.

Remittance of
Proceeds of
Estate

23.18 a. In the case where a consular officer remits the proceeds of the realization of an estate, he should, before making such remittance, satisfy himself that the person concerned is the one entitled to