

the jurisdiction. The consul's duty, in most cases, will be limited to communicating with heirs in Canada, and advising them as to what steps may be taken to protect their possible interest in the estate.

b. After the administration has been completed, the consul may be asked to transmit the proceeds to designated heirs in accordance with the distribution made by the appropriate local authority.

Real and Personal  
Property Convention  
of 1899.

23.04 a. By Article III of the Real and Personal Property Convention of 1899 between Great Britain and the United States, which was acceded to by Canada on October 21st, 1921, when a Canadian citizen dies in the United States and there are no known heirs or executors in that country, the competent local authorities are required to notify the nearest Canadian consular officer, so that he may immediately forward the necessary information to the persons interested.

b. Under the Convention, the consular officer has the right to appear, personally or by delegate, in all proceedings on behalf of the absent heirs or executors until they are otherwise represented.

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PART II

(a) Estates of Canadian Citizens  
dying in foreign countries  
leaving known heirs

Next of Kin

23.10 Whenever consular officers have reason to believe that there are any next of