

# How a Genealogist can assist a Lawyer

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## Our job is to make your job easier when probating international estates

International estates have become increasingly frequent in recent years. A probate genealogist can complete the research, identify the rightful heirs, prepare the required documentation and is often asked to provide **expert testimony at kinship hearings**. Whether you require due diligence research for wills or full kinship research in intestate estates, **HeirsIreland** is available in Ireland and in the USA to assist you.

*We at HeirsIreland can provide a comprehensive service in any probate matters which require research and documentation of Irish born decedents and heirs. With over 21 years' experience in over 600 cases and admission as an expert witness in 6 New York Surrogate courts, we are qualified to help you complete kinship research even in the most difficult cases. Our network of colleagues include genealogists in the USA, Canada, United Kingdom and throughout Europe.*

With our help, you will be able to submit family trees, keyed documents and kinship affidavits to your Surrogate Court for a speedy conclusion to international estates.

### **International Estates require authentication of documents:**

Notarization of documents is required in most international probate courts for documents from foreign countries.

An Apostille is a certificate attached to or endorsed on a document by the competent authority of the country from which the document emanates under the terms of the **Hague Convention of 5<sup>th</sup> October 1961**

### **International firms we have worked with as probate genealogists:**

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| Blake and Blake, Braintree Massachusetts and Florida    | <a href="http://www.blakeandblake.com">www.blakeandblake.com</a>             |
| Jaisan Inc. New York                                    | <a href="http://www.jaisaninc.com">www.jaisaninc.com</a>                     |
| Brandenberger and Davis, Sacramento, California         | <a href="http://www.brandenburger-davis.com">www.brandenburger-davis.com</a> |
| Hoopers, London, Great Britain                          | <a href="http://www.hoopers.co.uk">www.hoopers.co.uk</a>                     |
| GEN-FIND Research Associates, B. C., Canada             | <a href="http://www.gen-find.com">www.gen-find.com</a>                       |
| Société De Généalogie Internationale Vevey, Switzerland | <a href="mailto:sgi@genealogistes.ch">sgi@genealogistes.ch</a>               |
| Hoerner Bank, Heilbronn, Germany                        | <a href="http://www.hoernerbank.de">www.hoernerbank.de</a>                   |
| Coutot-Roehrig, France                                  | <a href="http://www.coutot-roehrig">www.coutot-roehrig</a>                   |

## Preliminary Questionnaire for Probable Heirs

In the matter of ..... deceased:

Did you know .....personally? (circle one) YES NO

How many years did you know him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

How is he/she related to you? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you know the names of .....’s parents?

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Do you know the names of your shared grandparents? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your family.** Who were your parents and do you know their dates of birth?

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Do you know when and where they married? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know their dates and places of death?

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Can you name all your aunts and uncles who would be related to ..... ?

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Can you name the children of your aunts and uncles (your first cousins)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Can you provide current addresses for your siblings and your cousins? Please use an additional page to list names and addresses and dates and places of birth, if known.

Any information, particularly dates and places of birth, marriage and death will help to expedite the research in the estate of ..... **promptly and economically.**