

Drafting Estate Plans Under the New MUPC

How it will impact the plans and instruments you design and draft for your clients

On January 2, 2012, a significant re-codification of Massachusetts' probate law takes effect. On that date the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code ("MUPC") will be fully implemented and operable. The changes to probate practice are the result of two decades of debate in the Commonwealth; they represent dramatic and far-reaching changes to the way estates are administered and probated in Massachusetts. This major development impacts not only probate administration, but also requires that estate plan documents executed after January 1, 2012 incorporate revisions mandated by the MUPC.

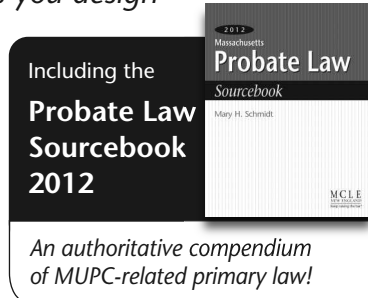
The new G.L. c. 190B, with its seven Articles, contains hundreds of fine points, changes in procedure, new provisions, and complex nuances that a lawyer must know about in order to plan and probate estates—even the estates of clients whose dates of death preceded the new law taking effect.

For example, you need to learn

- ▶ How to handle prior irrevocable instruments with the new procedures;
- ▶ How to construe premarital will provisions that under the new MUPC will remain in effect after marriage or remarriage;
- ▶ How the new MUPC's provisions regarding limited virtual representation of unascertained beneficiaries can eliminate the need for a guardian *ad litem*.
- ▶ What limits there now are on court supervision of testamentary trusts;
- ▶ What impact the MUPC will have on wills, intestate succession, donative transfers, and nonprobate transfers on death.

The statute isn't the only new development: In addition to the law, there are new revised rules, standing orders, including time standards, and uniform practices, along with fifty-plus new forms that reflect the dramatic changes to practice and procedure.

If you are an estate planner, a trust administrator, or a probate practitioner, you need to take steps now to become completely versed in the MUPC and how it impacts the plans and instruments you design and draft for your clients. *Drafting Estate Plans Under the New MUPC* takes a practical approach to getting you current with the significant statutory developments – and conversant with the rules, practices, procedures, forms, and strategies that will be an integral part of your estate planning or probate practice beginning in 2012.



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