

A law firm was approached by several local churches to prepare a simple self-executing low-cost will package for church members not having wills. The firm prepared a will package for the church members which enables the members to formulate and execute a will in their respective jurisdictions of Virginia, Maryland or the District of Columbia.

The law firm will send federal updates, each year, to the church members who utilize the will package.

Given the above, the law firm apparently is extending the attorney-client relationship from year to year. Therefore, the law firm has an ethical duty to inform purchasers of the will package of changes in the law which might affect the status of the estate.

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