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### *Working with Digital Data and Assets*

In planning for the future, and in particular, one's demise, it is common to make arrangements for how one's assets pass at death. Whether to spouse and children, to charity, to distant family members or friends (anyone but the tax man, of course), we take great pleasure in deciding just how our investments, our homes, our personal property will be distributed. At the same time, this planning in advance reduces the burden on our loved ones when we die and makes it easier for them to handle the estate.

One area that has become increasingly important to consider in recent years is what happens to all of our digital data and assets – smartphones, home computers, data stored online, access to financial accounts and investments, e-mail accounts, social media and more. Many of us have an assortment of accounts, devices, services and more so that dealing with them is an important issue for our heirs and personal representatives. The laws typically have not kept up with the developments for digital data and assets so that where a personal representative has easy access and authority over your documents, records and letters, they may find it more difficult to reach digital data and assets.

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