



Welcome!

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed of upcoming events, Registry news, tips on personal planning and progress of our projects. You can view previous editions of the Nidus Newsletter [HERE](#).

Tools to Help You and Your Representative

Nidus has developed two resources to help you and your representative keep things organized and prepare for the future.

The **Personal Information Record** is a place to record information about people and documents your representative might need to locate. For example, the name of your family doctor and pharmacist, who to contact if you are seriously ill, bills to keep track of and personal identification that may require safekeeping. Download your copy of the Personal Information Record [HERE](#).

The **Values and Beliefs Discussion Guide** is a booklet you can use to help clarify your expectations of your representative. As one senior said, "I felt that I could not anticipate all the circumstances that could occur in my future and therefore was unwilling to put specific wishes in my Representation Agreement. I did however, feel that the values and beliefs booklet provided my representatives with solid guidelines to assist them should they need to act

Registry Tip

Do NOT Send your Original Documents to the Nidus Registry!

It is important to keep your original legal documents somewhere safe, yet easily available to your representative(s) and attorney(s) in the event they have to use it. The original is proof of legal authority. For example, a bank or credit union will ask to see the original document and will make a true copy for their files.

The Nidus Registry stores basic information about you, when your document was signed and where the original is kept. This is a handy reference for you and your representative/attorney.

The Nidus Registry can also store an exact image of your legal documents. When you register you may send a **COPY** of your completed document by fax, mail or email to the Nidus Registry. If there is a copy on file, a hospital or other third

on my behalf."

Some of the areas covered in the Values and Beliefs Discussion Guide include:

- What does dependence and independence mean to you?
- If you have any current health problems or a disability, what helps you cope?
- What experiences have you had with death and dying? How have these experiences affected your feelings about such matters?
- What are your values about money? Are you a spender or a saver?
- Should your money be spent on the best care for you or is it more important to leave an inheritance for your family?

There is no right or wrong way to answer these questions or use these tools. You may find that certain situations and events bring them to mind. For example, maybe you are going on a trip or facing surgery. Some people make a point of reviewing their plans on a regular basis.

"Each of my representatives has a copy of my values and beliefs guide. I also have a copy. I review all my legal documents and this guide in January of each year – one of my rituals – to ensure they reflect my current thinking. It also reminds me to keep my family and my representatives aware of any changes and the location of my important documents."

Download a copy of the Values and Beliefs Discussion Guide [HERE](#) and let Nidus know how these tools work for you.

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party can easily and quickly see if you restricted any powers or if you expressed specific instructions in the document. This detailed information will speed up communication and is a safeguard for your wishes.

Want more information on the Nidus Registry? Check out our fact sheet [HERE](#).

Frequently Asked Question...

Is my Enduring Power of Attorney valid in other provinces?

The laws governing personal planning are provincial laws. The laws in some provinces recognize documents made in other jurisdictions if they meet certain requirements. If you move to another province, it is important to find out if you need to update your documents.

This also applies to your Will.

Donations

Thank you to everyone who answered the appeal for donations in our November newsletter.

As Nidus President, Patricia

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...for providing Nidus funding to produce these tools.



Gold Star Awards

Nidus launched the Gold Star Awards in its previous newsletter to recognize professionals and institutions who have demonstrated leadership in acknowledging Representation Agreements and their value in the community. In the last issue you read about a family in Victoria who expressed praise for the local branch of TD Bank and the local police detachment. Do you have a nomination to make? Send your thoughts, comments and stories to info@nidus.ca

Fulton stated, "The Representation Agreement Act and the Nidus Resource Centre were created by the people of BC for the people of BC. The future of Nidus and the promotion of Representation Agreements continue to rest with all of us."

If you would like to support Nidus and receive a receipt for income tax purposes, please send your contribution as follows:

By personal cheque or money order – make out to 'Nidus' and mail to us at: 411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 1X4

OR

By credit card online – please e-mail us at info@nidus.ca and let us know that you would like to make a donation and how much you would like to donate. We will email you a link to PayPal where you can safely and securely make your donation online.

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What's in a Registry

In the last edition of the Nidus Newsletter, we featured an article called "What's in a Registry," which provided basic information on some of the popular registries in BC.

This article is now available as a fact sheet. You can find this helpful publication [HERE](#).