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Multiple Wills

Multiple wills are a common drafting tool in Ontario. They can be an effective way to reduce probate fees and preserve privacy, if properly prepared. It is important to review carefully the language of both wills to see how they read independently and how they read together. Including a standard revocation clause in both wills is a relatively common error, which drafting lawyers should be sure to avoid. Otherwise, one will may inadvertently revoke the other. It's also important to avoid doubling up on specific bequests. There are a host of other issues that require careful consideration, such as the allocation of debts as between the two sets of assets. Take the time to think through all of the potential issues, so that two wills don't become double trouble.