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The Cyprus Fiduciary Association proudly presents:

Seminar 11:

" Beyond the Will: Succession Planning, Trusts & Forced Heirship"

Tuesday 8th December 2026|09:00 - 12:30|Live-Online, Zoom

Featured Speaker



Stella Kammitsi
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The seminar will be conducted in the English Language.

Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance for up to 3 CPD Unit Hours.

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Seminar Aims and Objectives

The Cyprus Fiduciary Association proudly presents a live, independent webinar featuring Ms. Stella Kammitsi, titled: **"Beyond the Will: Succession Planning, Trusts & Forced Heirship".**

Seminar overview

Succession planning is an important aspect of wealth management, estate administration and the structuring of family assets. Understanding the applicable inheritance rules, including forced heirship provisions, is particularly relevant for professionals advising individuals, families and corporate structures with assets in Cyprus and abroad.

This three-hour seminar, organised by the Cyprus Fiduciary Association (CYFA), will provide an overview of the legal framework governing succession and inheritance in Cyprus, with particular attention to forced heirship, wills, trusts and cross-border estate planning. The seminar will focus on practical considerations for corporate and fiduciary service providers, highlighting common issues, available planning arrangements and the importance of appropriate legal and professional advice.

Aims and Objectives:

The seminar aims to strengthen participants' understanding of succession planning and its implications for fiduciary and corporate services.

By the end of the seminar, participants should be able to:

- Understand the principal rules governing succession and forced heirship under Cyprus law.
- Identify the distinction between testamentary freedom and statutory inheritance rights.
- Recognise the role of wills, trusts and corporate structures in estate and succession planning.
- Understand the relevance of EU succession rules in cross-border inheritance matters.
- Identify common legal and practical considerations when advising clients with assets in multiple jurisdictions.
- Recognise when specialist legal, tax or other professional advice may be required.

Assessment Methodology:

For participants:

- Interactive lecture with PPP presentation
- Case Studies / Analysis / Discussion
- Practical scenarios insights to apply concepts
- Q & A Session for in-depth understanding

For Seminar Assessment:

Evaluation form that includes scale rating (1-5) on:

- Seminar Objectives & Learning Outcomes
- Seminar Content
- Seminar Teaching Methods
- Speaker Rating
- Provision for general comments

Programme Agenda

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:30	**PART I – The legal framework and key succession planning considerations** • The Cyprus Wills and Succession Law (Cap. 195), the Administration of Estates Law (Cap. 189), the EU Succession Regulation (EU) No. 650/2012 ("Brussels IV") • Domicile, habitual residence and nationality: their distinct roles in succession planning and forced heirship restrictions. • Movable and immovable property: the relevance of asset location and the interaction between Cyprus succession rules and the EU Succession Regulation.

	• Succession planning tools: lifetime gifts, wills, *inter vivos* trusts and testamentary trusts. • The Cyprus International Trusts Law and the Hague Convention of 1 July 1985 on the Law Applicable to Trusts and on their Recognition.
10:30 – 10:45	**Break**
10:45 – 12:15	**PART II – Practical succession planning: opportunities, limitations and risks** • Preparing an effective will: capacity, execution formalities, appointment of executors and common causes of disputes. • Planning for estates with assets or beneficiaries in multiple jurisdictions, including the coordination of wills. • Addressing forced heirship restrictions: available planning options, choice of law and their limitations. • Trusts in succession planning and the Cyprus International Trusts. • The interaction between Cyprus trust law, the EU Succession Regulation and the Hague Trusts Convention, including recognition and enforcement abroad. • Tax considerations affecting lifetime gifts, transfers into trust and distributions to beneficiaries in Cyprus and other relevant jurisdictions.
12:15– 12:30	**Q&A Session / Discussion**

The webinar is primarily intended for trustees, legal advisors, wealth managers, private bankers, financial and tax advisers, family office professionals, and others advising individuals and families on estate and succession planning. It will also be of interest to business owners and individuals seeking to plan for the transfer of wealth to future generations. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the role of wills and trusts in succession planning, the impact of forced heirship rules, and the challenges arising where family members or assets are located in different jurisdictions.

***THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE SESSION IS 50 PERSONS. REGISTRATIONS WILL BE HANDLED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.**

For registrations, please visit our website or complete and sign the registration form attached and submit it to the Cyprus Fiduciary Association e-mail address info@cyfa.org.cy**.**

***Certificates of Attendance will only be issued to participants who have attended the entire webinar and remained logged into the platform for its full duration.**

Deadline for Registration: **Friday the 4th December 2026**

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Speaker Bio

Stella Kammitsi

Stella Kammitsi is a qualified lawyer and a member of the Cyprus Bar Association since 1992. She is the founder of her own law firm and is the owner and Managing Director of Raza Corporate Services Ltd, a corporate and fiduciary service provider regulated by the Cyprus Bar Association.

Her legal practice focuses primarily on Corporate Law, Banking, Trust and Estate Succession Planning, and Commercial Law. She began her legal career at Chryssafinis and Polyviou LLC, where she initially handled a wide range of litigation matters. She later became Head of the firm's International Corporate Department, advising on international corporate sales and transactions, joint ventures, cross-border mergers, and finance transactions, including syndicated loans and securities.

Stella has also served as external legal counsel to an international banking unit in Cyprus and has advised numerous international companies operating in Cyprus.

She currently holds the position of one of the Deputy Chairpersons of STEP Europe and is the former Chairwoman of STEP Cyprus. In addition, she served as Vice-President of the Business and Professional Women Association (BPW) Cyprus and has held roles as Chairperson of the Standing Committee for Legislation of BPW International, Chairwoman and Vice-Chairwoman

of the Housing Finance Corporation of Cyprus (by appointment of the Council of Ministers), and President of the Cyprus Women's Lobby.

A frequent speaker at both local and international conferences, Stella is also actively involved in co-organizing major international events in Cyprus in collaboration with the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

She is currently a lecturer at the International University of Monaco and has also taught Business Law and Banking Law at various universities and colleges in Cyprus.

Stella earned her LLB (Honours) from the University of Leicester in 1990 and her LLM in International Banking Law from Boston University School of Law in 1991. From 2015 to 2018, she was listed for five consecutive years in Citywealth's IFC Powerwomen Top 200.