

NoticeConnect® Integration in Estate-a-Base®

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Quick

Guide

We are pleased to announce the integration of NoticeConnect in Estate-a-Base. This simple, cost effective and court-approved approach enables lawyers and law clerks working on estate files to publish and create Notices to Creditors and Knowledge of Will Notices directly within Estate-a-Base.

This new integration makes it even easier to post that notice that you might have thought twice about posting in the past.

- Publish legal notices at a fraction of the cost and to a wider geographical area compared to traditional newspaper ads. Notices published on NoticeConnect are shared on social media, sent to subscribers, and easily found by creditors regardless of their location using online search engines such as Google
- Save time and eliminate duplicate data entry by using the client information already entered into Estate-a-Base
- Reduce both legal liability and estate trustee liability from outstanding creditors

To get started, all you need are NoticeConnect credentials for the lawyer or law clerk working on the estate file. <u>Click here</u> to create NoticeConnect credentials. If you already have NoticeConnect credentials, simply enter those in your <u>staff profile</u> on the <u>NoticeConnect Login Info tab</u>.

For more details, click the **Learn More** link in the **Announcements** panel on the Estate-a-Base Home page.

Publishing a Legal Notice Online – Getting Started

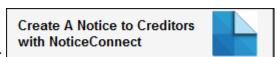
When you access **The Deceased** topic (Tab B) in a testate or intestate record, a banner for NoticeConnect appears for a few seconds. You can either click **Learn More** to read about NoticeConnect or click **No, thanks**. If you choose **No, thanks** the banner will no longer appear. To make the banner reappear, click the icon which appears only in this topic.



To access the integration, you need NoticeConnect credentials and specific fields in Tabs B and D about the deceased and a trustee must be completed.

Creating NoticeConnect Credentials

To begin accessing this integration you need NoticeConnect credentials (i.e. a NoticeConnect account and password), which you can create in Estate-a-Base if you do not already have them. These credentials are required by either the solicitor or the law clerk working in a record.



- 1. In Tab B, click
- 2. In the error message that appears, click **Proceed** to access the NoticeConnect Sign Up page where you can enter your email and password and click **Sign Up**.
- 3. Once you have credentials (either by creating them or using your existing account), go to the **Solicitor's Initials** or **Law Clerk's Initials** field in Tab A, click to enter the Solicitors or Personnel list, select the required individual and click **Edit**. In the **NoticeConnect Login Info tab**, enter your NoticeConnect credentials and click **Test Login** to check them. Then click **OK** and **Yes** to confirm the change and select the individual.

Required Fields to Create a Notice to Creditors

In addition to NoticeConnect credentials, the following fields in Tabs B and D must be completed:

- Name of Deceased
- Date of Death
- Jurisdiction
- Date by Which Creditors must Bring their Claims (this is a new field)
- In the **Interested Parties** topic (Tab D), add an Estate Trustee and include the address, jurisdiction and **Is Contact?** details for this party.

Creating and Editing the Notice

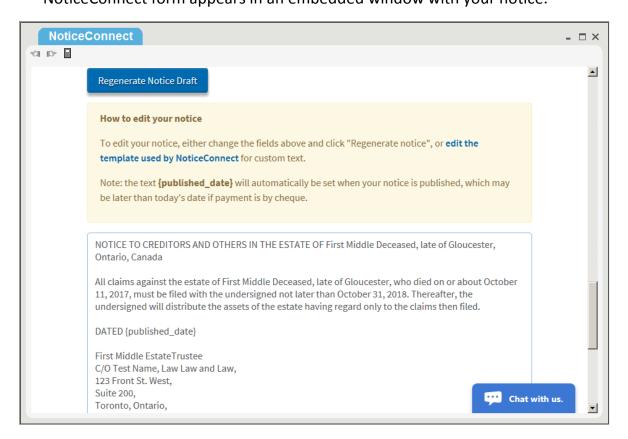
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Edit A Notice to Creditors

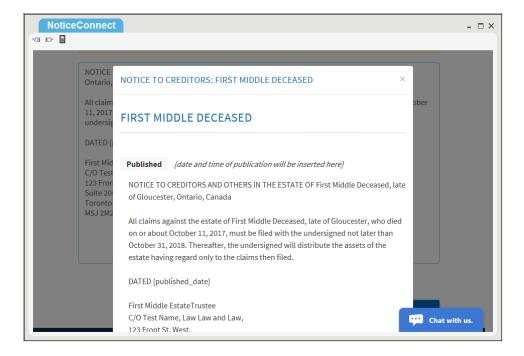
Create A Notice to Creditors with NoticeConnect

Tab B and click

2. The buttons changes to with NoticeConnect and the NoticeConnect form appears in an embedded window with your notice.



- 3. At this stage, you can do one of the following:
 - Edit the notice.
 - To do this you can either change the fields above the Regenerate
 Notice Draft button and then click that button again.
 - Note that any changes made to fields in the NoticeConnect window will not appear in the Estate-a-Base record.
 - Preview (and print) the notice before posting:



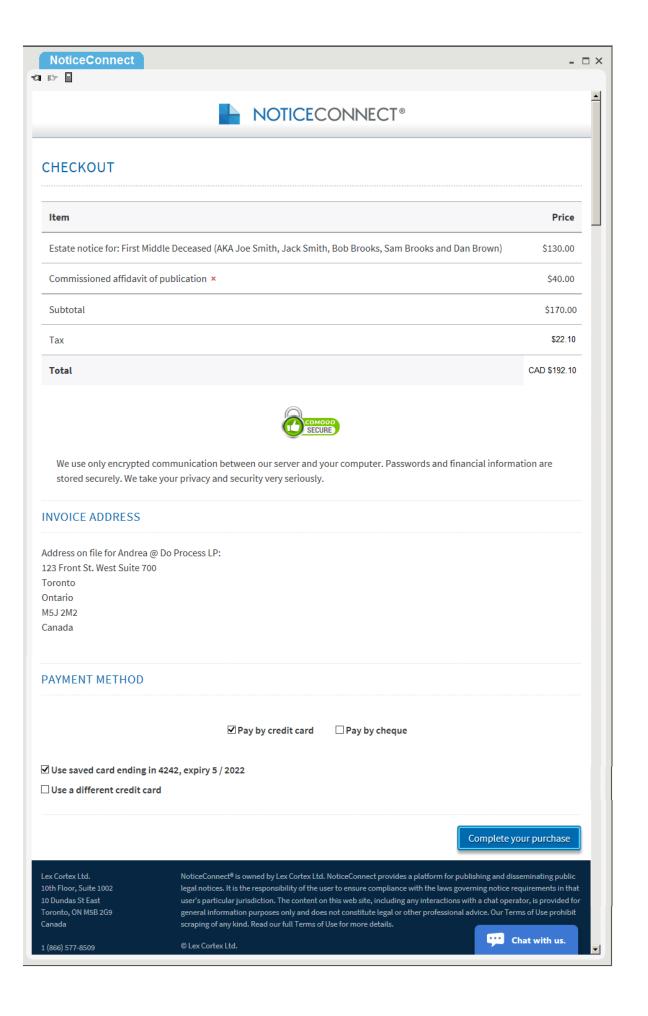
Continue to payment

- You will have the option of adding a commissioned affidavit of publication for an extra charge before proceeding to checkout. Or you can skip this option and go to checkout.
- No matter which option you choose, go to the section on Checkout and Payment Method to proceed.
- Chat with NoticeConnect personnel:

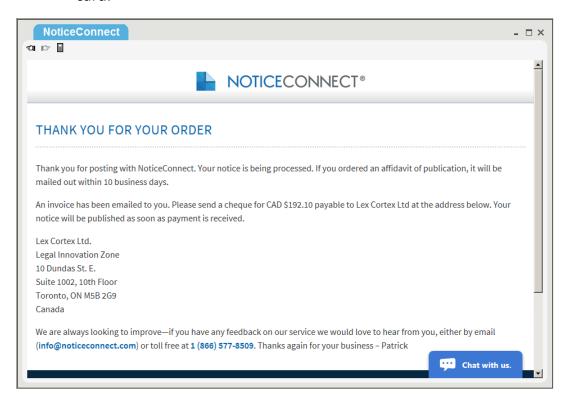


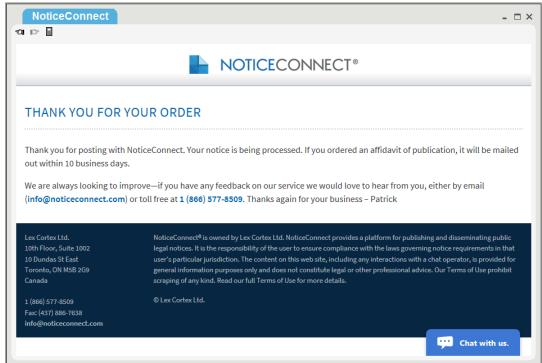
Checkout and Payment Method

- 1. In the **Checkout** screen, you will see the charge for the notice and affidavit of publication (if requested). You will also have the option to pay by credit card or by cheque.
 - If you choose to pay by credit card, you can either use a credit card saved previously or use a different one.
 - If you choose to pay by cheque, you will receive a confirmation email immediately and your notice will be published when the payment clears.



- 2. Once you choose the payment method, click **Complete your purchase**.
 - A Thank You message appears in the NoticeConnect window. The message will differ slightly depending on whether you paid by cheque or by credit card.





- NoticeConnect will email a receipt to you (if you paid by credit card) or an invoice (if you paid by cheque). The receipt includes a link to the notice.
- Once the notices are published (which is immediate for credit card payments), you will be able to see them on the **Home** page in NoticeConnect in the RECENT NOTICES section and in the Access Notices page.

View A Notice to Creditors with NoticeConnect

In Tab B, the button changes to you can view the notice.

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Generate a Knowledge of a Will Notice

You also have the option of creating a knowledge of a will notice in Tab B of an Intestate record in the same efficient way you create Notice to Creditors. This notice will be posted to the **Home** page in NoticeConnect and will be sent to lawyers and firms across Ontario.

If a will is discovered and you have already created an intestate record in Estate-a-Base, you can change the matter type from intestate to testate and complete the information of the found Will on Tab B.

Required Fields to Create a Notice of Knowledge of a Will

In addition to NoticeConnect credentials, the following fields in Tabs B and D must be completed:

- Name of Deceased
- Date of Death
- Jurisdiction
- In the Interested Parties topic (Tab D), add an Estate Trustee and include the address, jurisdiction and Is Contact? details for this party.

Creating Knowledge of a Will Notice

Create A Notice of Knowledge of A Will with NoticeConnect

1. In Tab B of an Intestate record, click

2. The NoticeConnect form appears in an embedded window with your notice and

Edit A Notice of Knowledge of A Will with NoticeConnect

the button changes to

- 3. At this stage, you can edit the notice, preview it before posting, continue to payment or chat with NoticeConnect personnel. Go to page 3 for details about these options.
- 4. A Thank You message appears in the NoticeConnect window and a receipt is sent to your email address. The message is slightly different, depending on whether you paid by cheque or credit card.
- 5. To view the notice in the NoticeConnect website, go to the **Recent Notices** section of the **Home** page or go to the **Access Notices** page.

6. In Tab B, the button changes to can view the notice of knowledge of a will.

View A Notice of Knowledge of A Will with NoticeConnect and you and you

Changing an Intestate Record to Testate in Estate-a-Base

You can change the matter type of a record once it has been closed and reopened. Follow these directions to change an Intestate record to Testate:

1. In the **Type of Matter** field in Tab A, click .

2. Click **Proceed** in the Warning message. The record is reset to Testate.

Including Notices in Statement of Account

Line items have been added to the Statement of Account (accessed from **Tasks**) for **Notice to Creditors** and **Notice of Knowledge of a Will**. Clicking **F9** in the **Amount** cell for these items displays the value for the published notice in Tab B.

If the lines do not appear, the Default user can add them in **Configuration > Statement of Account > Disbursements – Subject to HST** by clicking **NC Lines**. Note that the **F9 Default Amount** should never be included in this Disbursements box, since the value is accessed from Tab B once you have posted and published a notice.

Contact Information

NoticeConnect

For questions and feedback about NoticeConnect:

Email: info@noticeconnect.com

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For assistance with Estate-a-Base:

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