

One of the fundamental consular functions is to protect the rights and interests of citizens of the Republic of Serbia in cases of succession mortis causa in the territory of the receiving State, in accordance with the laws and regulations of that state (Article 5 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations).

The consul will act in line with the above Article of the Vienna Convention if the deceased was a citizen of the Republic of Serbia, or if the survivors are citizens of the Republic of Serbia who are not resident in the country of location of the deceased's estate.

Regarding inheritance matters conducted before a competent court in the Republic of Serbia, heirs living abroad may make depositions in a diplomatic/consular mission concerning inheritance or authenticate special powers of attorney granted for the purpose of making depositions concerning inheritance.

After a statement has been given by a citizen of the RS living abroad, the consul may draw up consular testaments/last wills in line with the rules applicable to the preparation of judicial legacy.

For further information concerning the exercise and protection of succession rights abroad, please contact the Directorate of Consular Affairs – Department for Estates in Foreign Countries, at (011) 306 8327 and (011) 306 8328, every working day from 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M.