

**In re the Estate of Mary Ann (otherwise Maureen) Horan [2020] IEHC 21
High Court – McDonald J – 28th of January 2020**

Application to pass over executor – section 27(4) – delay in administering the estate – no explanation – prior conduct as a director of family company taken into account – executor unable to confirm whether estate property insured – failure to furnish any estate accounts – breakdown of relationship of trust and confidence with beneficiaries – whether necessary and expedient to appoint an independent administrator – application granted

**In re the Estate of O'Donnell v Application of O'Donnell [2020] IEHC 650
High Court – Allen J – 14th of December 2020**

Application to revoke grant of probate – section 26(2) – dispute between two personal representatives – whether sufficiently serious special circumstances – whether evidence of serious misconduct – failure to keep records of receipts and expenditure – executors party to multiple un-vouched cash dealings in respect of estate assets – self-dealing by one executor with estate assets – inability to agree a firm of solicitors to be appointed to act – grant revoked and independent administrator appointed