

estate duty

duty imposed in terms of the Estate Duty Act on the dutiable portion of a deceased's estate; the estate duty rate is currently 20% of the dutiable estate.

Capital Gains Tax (CGT)

on disposal of a capital asset a capital gain may arise; the gain is determined and a portion thereof included in the taxable income of the taxpayer; on death all assets of a deceased are deemed to be disposed of to his estate on the day he/she dies, thus creating a potential for a capital gain to arise

estate liquidity

cash or assets easily convertible to cash available to be utilised for payment of the estate's liabilities

guardian's fund

a fund created to hold and administer funds, which are payable into the hands of the Master on behalf of various persons known or unknown

executor

a person who is authorised to act under letters to executorship granted by the Master; the executor administers the process of liquidation and distribution of a deceased estate

heirs

a person who succeeds to the estate or a fractional portion of it after all debts and legacies have been paid, i.e. he succeeds to the residue of the estate

legatees

a person to whom a testator has bequeathed a specific thing or collection of things or a sum of money

testamentary trust

a trust which is created in terms of a will of a deceased person