

Most People Keep Important Data Online. Pa. Doesn't Have a Law Yet on How to Handle Those Accounts When Someone Dies

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Amanda DiChello explains the challenges of dealing with digital assets of the deceased in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. In many states, laws exist to give executors the authority to control digital assets including, social media profiles, online investments, and email accounts; however, Pennsylvania has not passed such laws, making it difficult for beneficiaries to access this information.

Because there is no Pennsylvania law that dictates how these assets should be handled, Amanda works with clients to address this issue in the estate planning process.

“We run into this every day,” said Amanda. “We have provisions in our planning documents — wills, trusts and powers of attorney — that account for the decedent’s ownership of digital assets and dictates who controls and has access to those assets.”

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