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ABOUT THE CHANGE

Why is Fordham & Co making this change?
We have made this decision with a focus on the long-term future of the firm and the clients we serve. By joining a larger Oregon-based firm with a similar approach and shared values, we believe we are well positioned to continue providing consistent, high-quality service, along with long-term stability and support for our clients and our team.

Why did Fordham select Kernutt Stokes?
Kernutt Stokes stood out as a strong fit for us based on our shared values, culture, and approach to client service. Both firms are committed to responsive service, local decision-making, and building long-term client relationships. This alignment is important for continuing the experience our clients have come to expect and deserve.

What does this mean for me as a client? Will the level of service I receive change?
You will continue to be served by a firm that values relationships and personalized service. Kernutt Stokes shares the same client-focused approach that has been important to Fordham, and this transition is designed to maintain that experience. Being part of a larger firm also provides additional support and resources, helping ensure we can continue serving you well into the future while maintaining the same level of attention you expect.

When will this be complete?
We will begin as a joint firm on July 1, 2026, under the Kernutt Stokes name.

YOUR RELATIONSHIP & SERVICES TEAM

What will happen with the Fordham team?
Our team will become part of Kernutt Stokes. Partners Katie Eyre and Blair Walker will join the Kernutt Stokes partner group, and the firms will operate as one combined team.

Will I still work with the same people?
Yes, you will continue to work with many, if not all, of the same people as you currently do.

Will I have the opportunity to meet Kernutt Stokes partners and team members?
Yes. Kernutt Stokes partners and members of the management team will be actively involved during the transition, including being present in the Fordham office to meet with clients and our team, and answer questions.

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SERVICES & BILLING

Will any services I currently receive change?
No, you will continue to receive the same services and will have access to even more services and resources than we previously offered.

Will I have access to additional services or expertise through Kernutt Stokes?
We will become part of a larger firm with a broader team and additional resources. This expands the overall capacity to support clients, while continuing the relationship-driven approach that has been our focus at Fordham.

What do I do if I have an outstanding bill from Fordham?
For now, outstanding bills from Fordham can continue to be paid via the "Pay My Bill" link at www.fordham.com or by mailing a check to our office.

COMMUNICATION

Will phone numbers and email addresses remain the same?
Yes, phone numbers will remain the same during the transition. Starting June 16, our emails will change to new Kernutt Stokes addresses. However, any emails that are sent to our current Fordham addresses will automatically forward to our new email addresses.

How long will the Fordham website remain accessible?
The home page of www.fordham.com will remain accessible for now, allowing access to the client payment portal for Fordham bills.

How will updates be communicated during the transition?
We will send updates via email and mail over the next few months. Additionally, Kernutt Stokes has a page dedicated to the transition at www.kernuttstokes.com/fordham. And as always, feel free to reach out to us directly.

OFFICES & LOCATIONS

Will the Fordham office remain open?
Yes, at this time our office in Hillsboro will remain open.

Where are Kernutt Stokes' other locations?
Other Kernutt Stokes offices are in Lake Oswego, Eugene, Bend, and Corvallis.

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