## The Rules of Intestacy

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JOHN M LEWIS & ( Is their a surviving spouse or civil partner? Are their any surviving children, grandchildren or other direct Is the estate likely to be worth descendants? more than £322,000? The estate is shared equally The spouse or civil partner between the children of their gets all of the estate. descendants. If a son or daughter has already died, their children (the Are there any surviving children, grandchildren of the deceased) grandchildren or other Are their any surviving parents? inherit in their place. direct descendants? The estate is shared equally between the parents Did the deceased have any The spouse or civil The estate is shared equally brothers or sisters? partner keeps all the assets between the brothers and sisters. If (including property) up to a brother or sister has already £322,000, and all the personal died, their children (nieces and possessions, whatever their nephews of the deceased) inherit value. in their place. The remainder of the estate Did the deceased have any half will be shared as follows: brothers or sisters? • The husband, wife or civil The estate is shared equally between the half brothers and partner gets an absolute sisters. If a half brother or sister interest in half of the remainder has already died, their children • the other half is then (nieces and nephews of the Are there any grandparents living? divided equally between deceased) inherit in their place. the surviving chidren If a son or daughter has The estate is shared equally already died, their children between the grandparents will inherit in their place Did the deceased have any aunts or uncles? The estate is shared equally between the aunts or uncles. If an aunt or uncle has already died, their children (the cousins of the deceased) inherit in their Did the deceased have place. any half-aunts or halfuncles? The estate is shared equally The whole estate goes to the

between the half-aunts or half

uncles. If a half-aunt or half-uncle has already died, their children (the cousins of the deceased) inherit in their place.