

## **CLAIMS AGAINST AN ESTATE**

**All claims must be addressed before an estate can be closed.**

**There are 3 ways to resolve the claim.**

- 1. Pay the claim.**
- 2. Negotiate with the creditor.**
- 3. If the deceased person did not have funds of their own or those funds have been exhausted already you must notify the claimant of such by rejecting the claim in the following manner:**

**Written letter to claimant explaining why you will not be paying the claim filed against the estate. There are only two reasons to reject a claim, they are**

**a) the 8 months claims period has lapsed**

**OR**

**b) there is no money in the estate to pay the claim.**

**The letter must be sent certified mail. The green receipt from the post office must be turned in to the Register of Wills along with a copy of the letter.**