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MAKING A WILL

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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Planning for the distribution of your assets when you die is essential to ensure your last wishes are carried out.

WHAT IS A WILL?

A will is a written legal declaration which sets out how you want your assets to be distributed when you die.

WHY MAKE A WILL?

A will is one of life's most important documents. Many assume that after death, any assets will pass to your spouse or partner as a matter of course. However, this isn't always the case.

If you fail to draft a will, your assets will pass under inflexible intestacy rules and could end up somewhere other than intended.

So, to ensure your assets are shared out as you intend, a will is essential.

Wills can also be used to mitigate your inheritance tax liability, as well as dealing with important issues such as:

- Long term care costs
- Provision for a disabled or vulnerable person
- Spendthrift beneficiaries

WHO CAN MAKE A WILL?

Anyone over the age of 18 and of sound mind can make a will. In some circumstances, you may be able to make a will under the age of 18, one example being those serving in the armed forces. If you're under 18 and need to make a will, please get in contact and we'll advise you of your options.

The court of protection can approve the making of a will for someone who is incapable of doing so. If you have a relative who this applies to and you're unsure of the next steps, we can help. Please get in contact with our Court of Protection Team, we'd be happy to offer advice on the best course of action for you and your relative.

WHEN SHOULD YOU MAKE A WILL?

IN THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES A WILL IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT:



YOU ARE LIVING WITH SOMEONE BUT ARE NOT LEGALLY MARRIED OR IN A CIVIL PARTNERSHIP, AND WISH YOUR PARTNER TO INHERIT SOME OR ALL OF YOUR ESTATE.



YOU ARE LEGALLY MARRIED OR IN A CIVIL PARTNERSHIP WITH CHILDREN, AND WISH YOU YOUR PARTNER TO INHERIT ALL OF YOUR ESTATE.



YOU WISH TO OMIT CERTAIN PARTIES WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE STAND TO INHERIT FROM YOU.



YOU HAVE NO PARTNER OR OTHER RELATIVES AND WISH TO LEAVE YOUR ESTATE TO FRIENDS OR CHARITY.



YOU ARE CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS AND WISH TO PROTECT YOUR ASSETS SHOULD YOU DIE BEFORE THE DIVORCE IS FINALISED.



YOU HAVE DEPENDANT RELATIVES WHO YOU WISH TO PROVIDE FOR, OR YOU HAVE MINOR CHILDREN FOR WHOM YOU WISH TO APPOINT GUARDIANS.



YOU HAVE A LARGE ESTATE THAT MAY BE LIABLE TO INHERITANCE TAX.

OUR PLEDGE TO YOU

SUPPORT

WE'LL HELP YOU APPROACH YOUR SITUATION WITH CONFIDENCE

SUGGESTION

WE'LL HELP YOU MAKE THE BEST DECISION FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

SOLUTION

WE'LL HELP YOU TO GAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOME



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