

## MAKING A WILL

It is important that you have a valid Will. Your Will details what you want to happen to your assets after your death. If you fail to leave a valid Will your estate is intestate and your assets distributed in accordance with a strict legislative formula which may not reflect your wishes.

### **Your Will must:**

- Be in writing;
- Be dated at the time it is made; and
- Be signed by you & two independent witnesses.

We are able to assist you by drafting a valid Will in accordance with your instructions.

### **We are able to provide advice relating to the content of your Will including:**

- The appointment of an executor;
- Provisions for your beneficiaries, stating to whom and in what proportions your estate is to be distributed;
- Nominating guardians for minor children;
- Taking account of your personal and financial circumstances to achieve the most effective overall transfer of wealth; and
- The possibility of any challenge to the content of your Will.

**We provide safe storage of your Will free of charge. We also assist executors administer the estates of deceased persons.**

## POWERS OF ATTORNEY

Should you become unable to take care of your own affairs your family do not have the right to automatically take over your affairs.

Loss of mental capacity may result from causes such as Alzheimers, a stroke, head injury or a vehicle accident. Accordingly it is not limited to old age.

Unexpected occurrences can be better coped with if a valid Enduring Power of Attorney is in place.

An Enduring Power of Attorney enables you to appoint someone of your choice to look after your property and financial matters if you are incapacitated. The person you appoint must be over 18 years of age and should be someone that you trust to manage your affairs honestly and for your benefit.

The Power of Attorney can be drafted to place limitations on the circumstances in which it is to be used.

**We are able to assist you in drafting a Power of Attorney. We can advise you about its content and operation and ensure that it is properly signed.**

## APPOINTMENT OF ENDURING GUARDIAN

By appointing an Enduring Guardian of your choice you authorise that person to make personal or lifestyle decisions on your behalf if you are not capable. The appointment may specify which decisions you want the person appointed to make.

If you cannot make lifestyle decisions because of accident, illness or disability, your family, informal support networks or people dear to you may not be available or recognised when significant decisions need to be made on your behalf. Sometimes conflict results.

Your legally appointed Enduring Guardian can consider your thoughts and wishes, the views of professionals and other people important to you, take into account the circumstances and make decisions on your behalf if the need arises.

**We are able advise you about appointing an Enduring Guardian. We can draft the appropriate document containing your wishes and arrange for it to be signed as required.**

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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Specialising in property,  
business and estate law.

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Specialising in property  
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**OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU**

- Provide expert legal advice
- Personally handle your matter
- Explain matters clearly
- Reasonable fees
- Promptly return your phone calls
- Treat you with courtesy
- Complete your matter promptly
- Provide detailed records

**LEGAL ADVICE &  
PERSONAL SERVICE**



For personal service by your  
Solicitor when organising  
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# A CHECKLIST FOR Peace of Mind

**WILLS  
POWERS OF ATTORNEY  
ENDURING GUARDIANS**



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