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# Wills & Estate Planning

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# Certainty for your loved ones

Making wills for people domiciled in Jersey

Whilst none of us like to contemplate our own mortality, planning for the future does bring with it advantages, particularly for those left behind when you are gone.

By making a Will you ensure that, with certain exceptions, your money and property will pass to the people you would like to benefit. Furthermore, you can retain an element of control by appointing an appropriate person to administer your estate (your executor), leave instructions in respect of your funeral wishes and about the care of a much loved pet.

If you do not make a Will then the law will determine who will inherit your assets upon your death and these may not be the people that you would wish to benefit. As an example, you may not be aware that if you are living together without being married, your partner can only inherit from you if you have specifically named them as a beneficiary in your Will.

As family circumstances change, such as divorce and remarriage and the birth of children or grandchildren, you should always reconsider the terms of your Will

to ensure that it is still up to date. It is always possible to make changes to a Will provided that you have capacity to do so.

General practice in Jersey is to have two separate Wills: one for your personal or movable estate (i.e. your bank accounts, investments and jewellery) and the other Will for your real or immovable estate (i.e. your freehold property including leases over 9 years). This is because the rules of execution are different as is the way in which those Wills are dealt with on your death.

Our Wills & Estates team can assist you in the drafting of your Wills. We also provide free storage of Wills.

If you would like to discuss making a Will or making changes to an existing Will, to make an appointment please contact:

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