

Many people put off making a will. However, if you die without one, your assets may be distributed according to the law rather than in accordance with your wishes.

Making a will is particularly important for cohabiting couples and those with children from previous relationships.

You should also plan ahead to avoid paying more inheritance tax than is necessary. After death the deceased's assets must be collected, debts paid and legacies paid to beneficiaries. We can undertake this work on behalf of the estate and remove any unnecessary stress during what can be a difficult time.

A will may be contested or those persons not provided for in a will or intestacy may lodge a claim. Contested wills and estates can be an extremely complicated area of law.

Sometimes people wish to plan ahead and set out in advance what they would like to happen should they become unable to make decisions for themselves in the future. A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is an important legal document that enables a person who has capacity and is over 18 to choose another person or people to make decisions on their behalf.

The elderly may need advice on care fees planning, asset preservation and Court of Protection Issues.

Whatever your situation we can provide you with sound practical advice.