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Preparing your **WILL, POWER OF ATTORNEY & ADVANCE CARE DIRECTIVE**



Established in South Australia, our professional, friendly and supportive team is committed to providing you with the highest standards of service.

Our goal is to relieve the stress of your situation by providing sound advice and professional legal assistance.

To this end our Service Charter is based on six fundamental principles:



Respect

We work for you and acknowledge that as our client you deserve our attention and respect at all times.



Quality Service

We listen to your needs and ensure that you are fully informed and properly advised at all key stages.



Professionalism

We have the experience, competence and skill necessary to provide the legal service you need.



Knowledge

Through continuous and ongoing research and training we are up to date on all aspects of our areas of speciality.



Honesty & Integrity

At all times we will be open and honest and follow through on our commitments to you.



Best Outcomes

We work hard to achieve the best outcome for you in the circumstances of your case.

We look after our clients and build a relationship of trust so that they are confident to come back whenever they need a lawyer.

Wills

What is a Will?

Put simply, a Will is a written legal document which states your wishes (testamentary intentions) for the distribution of your assets (estate) upon your death and nominates an Executor to whom your estate is entrusted.

At Websters Lawyers we consider that the preparation of your legal Will is an extremely important matter. You need to be fully informed and properly advised so as to ensure that as far as possible your intentions are honoured.

We will assess your individual situation, discuss your options, and ensure that you are completely satisfied with and understand the contents of your Will.



Do I need a Will?

Anyone over the age of 18 years who has family responsibilities or owns property or investments should have a legal Will.

You need a legal Will if you want control of who benefits from your property and possessions (your estate) after you die.

If you die without a valid Will your assets will be distributed in accordance with the Laws of which might not reflect your personal preferences.

Can I change my Will?

A Will can be changed at any time and as often as you wish, provided you have the testamentary (mental) capacity.

It is essential that you review and update your Will on a regular basis. It is generally advisable to review your Will at least every 2-5 years and more particularly when there is a change in your family or financial circumstances. For example, if you get married, have children, separate from your spouse/partner, or if someone named in your Will (such as a beneficiary, executor or guardian) passes away.

Storage

Your duly executed Will should be kept in a safe place together with other important legal documents.

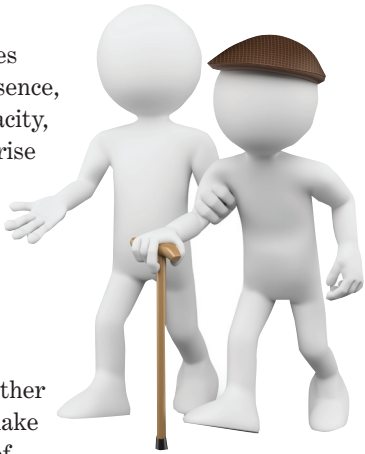
At Websters Lawyers we offer a Will Storage service whereby Wills are stored in Safe Custody packets held in a fire-resistant filing cabinet providing the security and confidentiality required for such an important legal document. We point out that your Custody Packet will be accessible to you throughout the course of each year without any additional charges.



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Enduring Power of Attorney and Advance Care Directives

In certain circumstances such as a prolonged absence, illness or mental incapacity, you may need to authorise a close friend, family member, Accountant or Solicitor to make decisions about your financial, health and/or personal affairs.



Legally appointing another person (or people) to make decisions in the event of loss of mental capacity or illness is a way of planning ahead and ensuring that your wishes are followed. If you anticipate or find yourself in circumstances where you might need to appoint a close friend or family member to make decisions on your behalf, Websters Lawyers can help prepare the required legal documents.

What is an Enduring Power of Attorney?

An Enduring Power of Attorney is a legal document that allows an appointed person (called your Attorney) to act on your behalf in relation to any financial and/or property transactions and related legal matters.

The powers of an Enduring Power of Attorney continue to apply even when you have lost mental capacity and are no longer capable of making decisions or providing your Attorney with instructions.

What is an Advance Care Directive?

An Advance Care Directive is a legal document that can be made by any person over the age of 18 and empowers you to make clear legal arrangements for your future health care, end of life, preferred living arrangements and other personal matters.

You may appoint one or more adult persons (called Substitute Decision-Makers) to make those decisions on your behalf if you are unable to do so in the future.

An Advance Care Directive makes it easy for others to know what your wishes are when you are unable to make these decisions yourself. It also gives you peace of mind to know that your wishes are known and will be respected.

It is important to understand that your Advance Care Directive takes effect only if you are unable to make your own decisions.

Can I change my Attorney or Substitute Decision-Maker?

Yes. However, if you wish to make any changes or update existing documents then it will be necessary to prepare completely new forms.



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