

WILLS

Your Will is a legal document which sets out your instructions on how you would like your estate handled when you pass away. It allows you to appoint guardians for minor children, if applicable.

To prepare for making a will you will need to fill out the attached Wills information sheet, to provide me with the necessary information needed, so I can ensure your Will is properly prepared.

Please ensure that you provide me with the full legal names of all persons being mentioned in your name. (ie: no nicknames)

Once I have received your completed forms, I will then book an appointment to go over your instructions and make recommendations.

CHOOSING AN EXECUTOR

Your executor is responsible for administering your estate, arranging your funeral, proving the will, liquidating the estate, paying debts, distributing assets as the will directs and many other duties.

It is important that your executor be able to keep proper records and be available for an extended period of time to administer your estate. You should discuss this responsibility with your potential executor as it is a very time consuming job.

An executor is entitled to be paid up to a maximum 5% of the gross value of the estate depending on the complexity of the estate. Some people choose an independent person such as a lawyer, notary, accountant or a trust company if they haven't any family close by or if they suspect there may be a conflict of interest.

MENTAL COMPETENCY AND MAKING A WILL AND/OR POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a Notary Public, I am required to do an assessment of your competency to ensure that you are of sound mind at the time you make your Will or Power of Attorney. I will want to ensure that you are not under undue influence from anyone who might be pressuring you to do a Will or Power of Attorney.

I am unable to take instructions from anyone other than yourself when taking instructions for a Will or Power of Attorney.

You may be asked to provide me with a letter from your doctor, to confirm that he/she is not aware of any health issues such as dementia, Alzheimer's or any other mental health issues which could affect your ability to think clearly and/or to make decisions.

You must be mentally competent at the time you make a Will or Power of Attorney or it is not valid.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Power of Attorney is a document which allows you to appoint someone to manage your financial affairs in your place, while you are living. This is particularly useful if you become incapacitated due to physical or mental health problems, or in the event of your absence.

REPRESENTATION AGREEMENTS

A representation is a legal document which allows you to appoint one or more people to make medical and health care decisions for you.

Depending on your instructions, your representative could accept or refuse medical treatments on your behalf including life and death decisions. They could also make a decision to admit you to a care facility. It is important that your representative is someone who knows your health care wishes and will act in your best interests regarding your medical care and/or treatment especially if you are not able to communicate your wishes.

FEES

SIMPLE WILLS

One person	\$ 350.00
A couple (if both wills reflect the same outcome)	\$ 600.00
2 nd Marriage Couple/Split Family	\$750.00

More complex wills, with multiple beneficiaries, charities, complicated clauses and dispositions, etc. will cost more than quoted above and will be quoted by the notary at the time of the first interview.

Additional charges may apply for title searches or Wills Registration if needed.

POWERS OF ATTORNEY

One person	\$ 300.00
A couple	\$ 500.00

REPRESENTATION AGREEMENTS

One person	\$ 300.00
A couple (when appointing one attorney)	\$ 500.00

\$100.00 discount if Wills & Powers of Attorney or Representation Agreements are done at the same time.

A deposit of 50% will be requested when instructions are taken, the balance is due at the time of signing documents.

Fees are as of November 1, 2022, rates subject to change.

12% TAX will be added to all fees.

There is a \$20.00 Insurance fee which will be added to all Wills files.

"I promise to keep on living as though I expected to live forever. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up interest wrinkles the soul."

-Douglas MacArthur

Appointments available :

Weekdays 9:00 am-4:30 pm

Wills , Power of Attorney & Representation Agreements



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