



WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY AND POWERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

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OUR FEES

For relatively simple wills (eg all to spouse and if he/she is not alive then to children/grandchildren) our fees are:

<u>SINGLE</u>	
WILL	\$253
EPA	\$165
EPA AND EPG	\$275
WILL AND EPA	\$352
WILL AND EPA AND EPG	\$374
<u>COUPLE</u>	
WILL	\$418
EPA	\$275
EPA AND EPG	\$429
WILL AND EPA	\$561
WILL AND EPA AND EPG	\$643.50

For more complex wills including family trusts, testamentary trust and businesses, our fees are calculated pursuant to the Supreme Court scale of costs. However as a guide, for a couple, our fees would be \$800.00—&1100.00 plus GST.

AMENDMENTS TO WILLS PREPARED BY US

(since 2007)

SINGLE	\$115.50
COUPLE	\$192.50

ENDURING POWER OF GUARDIANSHIP (EPG)

WHAT IS AN ENDURING POWER OF GUARDIANSHIP?

An Enduring Power of Guardianship is a legal document where you (the donor) appoint someone (the guardian) to make personal and lifestyle decisions for you—like where you live and the health care you receive. *Enduring* means it continues (endures) when you are unable to make these types of decisions for yourself.

WHY DO YOU NEED AN ENDURING POWER OF GUARDIANSHIP?

We recommend everyone have an Enduring Power of Guardianship. It is the only way you can have control over who will make lifestyle decisions on your behalf if you are ever unable to do so yourself.

ANTICIPATED DIRECTION

By adding this direction to your Guardianship document you can decide whether you want life sustaining measures taken to keep you alive, where the effect of treatment would only prolong your life without any prospect of recovery

WILLS

WHAT IS A WILL?

A will is a legal document in which you state how you want your assets distributed after your death. A will also allows you to choose an executor who will be responsible for making sure your wishes are met

WHO SHOULD MAKE A WILL?

If you are over 18 years old and hold assets in your own name you should have a will. Otherwise, if something happens to you the disposition of your property will be left to chance.

SHOULD A SOLICITOR PREPARE MY WILL?

Wills are complex documents which are legally binding therefore in order to make sure your document is dealt with in the way you want it to be dealt with, it is essential that you get a lawyer to draft your will.

A simple will is inexpensive but the piece of mind it brings with it is priceless.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DIE WITHOUT A WILL?

If you die without making a will you will not have a say in how your assets, including your personal belongings, are distributed.

Instead your estate will be divided according to law. This could mean that the people you most want to benefit from your estate might not get anything at all. Also, it may take longer and cost more to administer your estate.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A WILL?

- The name of your executor
- Clear instructions about how you want your assets to be divided
- To whom you wish to leave your assets and what should happen if someone you name dies before you
- Instructions regarding your funeral arrangements
- The name of a guardian to care for young children



ENDURING POWER OF ATTORNEY (EPA)

An “**Enduring** Power of Attorney” refers to the management of a person’s financial and legal affairs while they are alive. It continues to be in effect if a person becomes mentally incapacitated.

An Enduring Power of Attorney is a legal document whereby you empower another person to manage your assets and financial affairs while you are alive.

You must sign the Enduring Power of Attorney document while you are of sound mind and the donee must accept the appointment as your attorney by signing an acceptance.

WHY DO YOU NEED AN ENDURING POWER OF ATTORNEY??

Life can sometimes be unpredictable—you may have an accident, become suddenly ill, or absent unexpectedly from your normal life. This may in turn require you to rely on someone you can trust to manage your financial affairs.