

planning ahead





Introduction

What can we do to put your affairs in order, to give you and your family maximum peace of mind? That is our first and paramount consideration.

Attwaters Jameson Hill Solicitors have been helping private clients and businesses with their legal affairs since the firm was founded in 1901. Our specialist Wills and Probate division is widely experienced and knowledgeable about all aspects of wills, codicils, trusts and all the legalities surrounding estate planning. During this period we have advised and assisted hundreds of elderly clients and their families to sort out those often complex issues concerning their property, assets and financial affairs.

Regardless of the problem, the success of the practice throughout this period has been due to our active policy of client care. This has led to our many satisfied and loyal clients recommending us to their families, friends and business colleagues.



Our services for elderly clients and their families

Wills

If you don't make a will your property and other assets may not pass to whom you want. The future well being of your family may depend on you having prepared an effective and legally valid will. Using our specialist knowledge of property, trusts and tax law we will help you cater for a number of different possibilities to specifically suit your own personal circumstances and prepare the will so as to maximise your peace of mind and achieve the end results you desire.

Will reviews

You may well have prepared a will many years ago. However as a result of changes in your own personal, family or financial circumstances it may no longer reflect your current wishes. Furthermore, changes in the Inheritance Tax provisions may also mean you need to review your will. We offer a no cost discussion to help you identify whether or not any changes would be beneficial to you.

Lasting power of attorney

Have you considered who would manage your affairs if you became mentally incapable of handling things yourself? Many clients have in the past had the foresight and wisdom to ask us, as their solicitors, to prepare a lasting power of attorney in order to minimise the problems should this situation arise. Planning ahead in this way can save those closest to you a costly and time consuming application to court at what could be a testing time.



Tax planning

Tax law is complex and forever changing. Our specialists can advise you on the best way to plan ahead. Arranging your tax affairs appropriately during your lifetime can minimise the amount of tax eventually payable, and therefore maximise what your beneficiaries ultimately receive.

Help for personal representatives

Personal representatives are the people named in the will to act as executor, or the next of kin of someone who has left no will. Being a personal representative has heavy responsibilities and can be difficult. This is quite apart from the fact that after the loss of someone close to you, dealing with these matters may prove personally distressing. With this in mind we can relieve you of the burden of 'getting probate'. Thereafter, we can ensure that the deceased's estate is wound up correctly and efficiently and that their wishes are followed.

Long term residential care

It is a fact of life that many people may need to go into a nursing home or some other form of long term residential care when they get older. It is also true that your capital and home can be used to pay for this care. Simply transferring the ownership to your children however is no guarantee that your house is protected from being used to pay for fees and can carry many other risks to you personally as well. We provide advice and practical help on dealing with this sort of situation.



Caring for clients

Specialisation

As a result of our extensive experience of dealing with the concerns of elderly clients and their families we are able to give you the most up to date practical solutions to any questions and problems you may have.

Keeping in touch

We recognise the importance of keeping in touch. This of course is not just whilst we are dealing with any specific matter but also more generally over the years. We see it as part of our service to make you aware of the things that might affect you as they arise.

Costs

We believe it is very important that there should be no hidden surprises for you when it comes to our charges. With this in mind we always advise clients of our charging methods at the outset and keep you updated regularly as things progress.

Technology

Our offices are equipped with an expanding range of modern technology. This is to enhance our efficiency, and to make us as responsive as possible.



Contact us

People often turn to us when it is too late. If you or your family have questions which are of concern, don't hesitate to contact us. It is far better to talk through any perceived problems now and to allow us to offer some practical solutions to avoid expensive and distressing problems later on.

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