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## WILLS & PROBATE

## Wills

Many people delay making a Will, almost as if they think doing so will bring them bad luck. Yet it is a task which, once completed, brings peace of mind. You know that, should the worst happen, your affairs are in order and your property and money will go where you want it to go. It is not only the elderly who should make a Will – it is equally important for a young couple who may need (amongst other things) to appoint guardians for their children or who wish to ensure that their property will pass to a partner.

When it is created, your Will should be reviewed every few years. Not only can the law and tax rules change, but so might your personal and financial circumstances.

At Burningham & Brown we have long and comprehensive experience in drafting Wills and advising on inheritance tax mitigation, and we will be pleased to advise on the best ways of dealing with your affairs so as to ensure that all your wishes are carried out. We can produce a Will that is clear and concise and which you will readily understand. The Partners in the firm are willing to act as Executors if so requested and we offer a free safe custody service for the original Will.

## **Probate**

Following a death, we can deal with all of the tasks involved in the administration of a deceased person's estate, including obtaining a Grant of Probate (or Letters of Administration where no Will was left) on behalf of the Executors. We will secure assets, prepare the necessary tax and probate papers, liaise with asset holders and communicate with family and other professionals to ensure that the administration is carried out as quickly and smoothly as possible and that the Estate is distributed to the chosen beneficiaries in accordance with the deceased's Will.

The death of a close relative or friend is obviously distressing. Burningham & Brown can help alleviate the pressure on the family by dealing with the complexities of the Estate and any trusts set up under the Will. As an established, Partner led, family practice we have considerable experience in these matters, and our aim is always to deal with clients in a helpful, sympathetic and efficient manner at what is inevitably a very difficult time.

Where an Estate includes a family home, and the Executors or the family decide to sell the property, our Conveyancing Department can deal with the sale which helps the matter to progress smoothly.

## Contact

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