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Tax, Trusts & Estates

A guide to
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How can we help?

Many of the things we do in life involve the law. Whether it's buying a home, making a will or embarking on a new business venture, there are important legal issues to address, to make sure things go smoothly.

At Griffith Smith Farrington Webb LLP we have been providing expert legal services for over 125 years and we are proud that many of our clients return to us whenever they need legal advice.

Our range of services includes everything you might expect from an established and well respected firm. Perhaps what is less expected is our approach. It is important to everyone at Griffith Smith Farrington Webb LLP to offer not only the legal services that people require, but to offer them in a friendly and approachable way. We have several easily accessible office locations and are also happy to visit you at home.

A high level of personal attention is especially important at times of bereavement and when people come to us with difficult or complex situations. Our staff are efficient and highly trained, and they have the experience and sensitivity to handle such matters with great professionalism and care.

“The competent and sympathetic manner in which you have dealt with our affairs is much appreciated”

“I wouldn't hesitate to recommend you to family and friends - you did a really good job for me”

Wills

A professionally prepared Will avoids the uncertainty and expense that can sometimes arise from a home-made Will. Our experienced staff can help ensure that you have the most appropriate Will for your circumstances, allowing you to decide:

- who will administer your estate,
- look after any minor children, and
- inherit your assets.

Inheritance Tax Planning

Our specialist team can advise on inheritance tax mitigation, including:-

- Wills for married couples & civil partners designed to make use of both inheritance tax allowances
- Deeds of Variation of Wills and Intestate Estates
- Lifetime Gifts/Trusts

A solicitor is often the best person to deal with Inheritance Tax planning - Indeed many accountants refer clients to us for this very reason.

Estate Administration

Our Estate Administration Team can advise on all aspects of estate administration, in a practical and caring way. We can also act as executors.

Trusts

We can advise upon and manage trusts so that your money and property are dealt with exactly as you wish and in the most tax efficient way.

Living Wills

We can also advise on Living Wills in which you can record your wishes regarding future medical care/treatment.

Powers of Attorney

Unless you sign a Power of Attorney no-one else will be able to manage your financial affairs if you become unable to do so yourself through accident, illness or old age. We can advise upon and prepare a Power of Attorney to deal with this for you.

We can also deal with Court of Protection applications and general administration when no Power of Attorney has been made and an individual is incapable of managing their financial affairs.

Dispute Resolution

If a dispute arises regarding a Will or the manner in which an estate is being administered, we can advise upon:

- challenging the validity of a Will; and
- making a claim against the estate if inadequate or no provision has been made

For more information or advice, contact a member of our Tax, Trusts & Estates team to arrange a meeting.



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