



The benefits of using a solicitor to prepare your will

Griffith Smith Farrington Webb LLP have been preparing Wills for our clients for over 125 years. We have a great deal of experience and knowledge. Our aim is not just to ensure that our clients' wishes are carried out but also to provide a personal and individual service. We want to build a relationship with our clients which will last for many years.

As part of our service, we offer you the following:-

- ⊙ We provide a Will Questionnaire and take details of assets and liabilities as well as family members. In this way we can ensure that your instructions are followed and that we advise you on inheritance tax or asset protection and trusts (where appropriate). We provide you with a written estimate of our charges.
- ⊙ You will be seen by either a solicitor or a fellow of the institute of legal executives. All our staff preparing Wills specialise in this area of work. Many are also members of further organisations such as STEP (the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners) or SFE (Solicitors For The Elderly).
- ⊙ We provide an initial face to face meeting to confirm your identity (to prevent fraud) ensure that you are not being forced or bullied into signing a Will which is not in your interest (undue influence) and that you have the sufficient mental capacity to make the Will valid. All of these are important safeguards to ensure the validity of your Will.
- ⊙ After the first meeting, we will prepare a draft Will and send this to you. We will go through the draft Will and make any amendments or changes which need to be made.
- ⊙ There will be a second face to face meeting (wherever possible) to oversee the signing and witnessing of your Will to make sure it complies with the Wills Act.
- ⊙ We offer free safe storage for all original Wills.
- ⊙ We write to all our clients approximately every 5 years offering Will reviews.
- ⊙ Most importantly, in the days when 'online' or artificially low price Will writing services are actively being promoted, it is important you remember the following:-
 - 1) All our staff who prepare Wills are legally qualified.
 - 2) All our staff specialise in this area and many are members of further specialist professional organisations.
 - 3) The firm is regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and has 'Lexcel' accreditation.
 - 4) The firm carries professional indemnity insurance in case anything goes wrong.
 - 5) Our aim is to provide a personal and individual service and to build a lasting relationship with you.

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