

Making a Will

Making a Will is one of the most important things we can do - after all it determines how our most personal possessions and hard-earned savings will be shared among close family and friends.

It is often a simple and inexpensive process. But failure to make a Will can pose major difficulties for those left behind. Your estate - money, other assets and possessions - could be distributed according to the law rather than your wishes. It is particularly important to leave instructions if you own property. Further if you do not leave a valid Will additional costs will be incurred in appointing an executor and obtaining a Bond of Caution.

The Contents of a Will

It is advisable to consult a solicitor before deciding what to put in your Will. A Will can cover a range of issues, including:

- Who should inherit your property, money, other assets and possessions
- How your children should be cared for
- Who should be responsible for looking after your estate (the executor)
- Special arrangements for your funeral
- Charitable donations you would like to make

How Scanlon Ewing Can Help

Wills are often straightforward but some involve complicated arrangements and financial affairs - all the more reason to ensure they are drawn up by a qualified solicitor.

Validity

There is little point having a Will if it is not valid. Scanlon Ewing will ensure that the Will is validly drawn up, signed and witnessed to comply with legal requirements.

Changing a Will

Changes can easily be made to Wills - Scanlon Ewing will ensure they are legally binding.

Keeping Your Will Safe

It is important to keep your Will safe. If we have drawn up the Will, we will usually keep the original and send you a copy.

Looking after your family - and safeguarding your assets

Making a Will makes the administration of your estate easier after your death. We also recommend that you think about granting a Power of Attorney to help your family or loved ones deal with your assets during your lifetime if you are unable to do so yourself due to physical or mental illness.

We can help you in this area and - your first interview is free, and without obligation!

