

A close-up photograph of two hands shaking. The hand on the left is wearing a bright red jacket, and the hand on the right is wearing a blue denim jacket. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting with warm lighting.

THE AMICUS LAW GUIDE TO

WILLS, PROBATE, TRUSTS AND TAX PLANNING

A really useful guide

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YOUR SPECIALIST PRIVATE LAWYER, HELPING YOU PLAN AND PROTECT YOUR ESTATE FOR THOSE TO WHOM YOU CHOOSE TO BEQUEATH IT.

You owe it to your family to make a will.

We encourage everyone, no matter their age, to consider how their loved ones would cope if the worst should happen.

By planning ahead with the guidance of a properly qualified and regulated solicitor, you ensure that more of the wealth accumulated during your life goes to those you choose, in the way that you want.

Minimise tax, administer your estate, help executors, apply for probate, it is vital you select a specialist private lawyer with

the expertise and experience to manage your affairs efficiently and smoothly, with a personal and sensitive touch.

We are amongst the best private lawyers in Somerset for wills, probate and trusts, with offices in Bridgwater, Minehead, Taunton and Yeovil.

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WILLS AND TRUSTS

You owe it to your family to make a Will. It makes the process of dealing with your affairs at a stressful time easier and can ensure more of the wealth accumulated during your life goes to those you want, in a way that you want.

It also helps you minimise taxes payable, so as much wealth as possible can be retained by those to whom you choose to bequeath it.

Expert advice on how best to arrange your affairs, or plan your estate, can make the whole process easier and more ordered.

This can include

- Administration of estates
- Helping executors by taking the strain at this difficult time
- Applying for probate

One very important aspect always to consider with making arrangements on your estate is to use a properly qualified and regulated solicitor.

Whilst there are many options for making a simple will, it can prove to be a false economy not to use an experienced solicitor, especially if you are looking at more complex arrangements.

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POWERS OF ATTORNEY & COURT OF PROTECTION

There comes a point for many people in their lives, or those of their relatives, when they need assistance and support in making important decisions to ensure their best interests, and those around them.

When this point comes you have to have complete confidence and faith in the integrity, as well as knowledge, of the person you put your trust in to provide the Powers of Attorney. It is not a decision that should be taken lightly and neither is the choice of individual you choose to act on your behalf.

These can be a vital tool in assisting elderly or infirm individuals, or their relatives, maintain their quality of life and personal dignity if managed properly. We are able to offer an effective service, respecting the sensitivities of those involved, but ensuring the correct legal protection is provided.

We can also advise on how to make the best use of capital for the needs of the elderly.

We are accustomed to looking after the affairs of clients whether at home or in residential care, are happy to make home visits, and work closely with the caring professionals to ensure a high quality of care and service.

The Court of Protection makes decisions for people who are unable to do so for themselves. It can also appoint someone too act for a person who is unable to make their own decisions. This may cover issues involving the person's property, financial affairs, health and personal welfare.

We specialise in assisting people who deal with the Court of Protection and work for those under the jurisdiction of the Court of Protection. We look after the welfare and safeguard the affairs of

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TAX PLANNING

Careful planning can ensure that more of your wealth is passed to your beneficiaries.

Having spent a lifetime accumulating wealth it is re-assuring to think that it can be passed to your chosen beneficiaries.

Ensuring that as much as possible is passed on requires careful and thorough planning to ensure all your duties are met most cost efficiently.

It is not just the cost however, but the more organised you have your inheritance plans the more swiftly and smoothly the process will be for the beneficiaries.

Our inheritance tax planning service provides a simple and straightforward process for managing your affairs professionally, practically and efficiently, giving you the peace of mind that your assets will be managed in accordance with your wishes.

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those suffering from mental or physical incapacity.

Because of the sensitive nature of the work, we offer a personalised and responsive service, our Court of Protection experts provide legal advice and practical help to families and professionals working with and caring for our clients.

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CONTESTED WILLS

If you feel a will is not as it should be then you have the right to contest it.

In these circumstances expert support and advice is critical to achieving the desired change in outcome. Our experience in contesting wills means we can offer insight and effective strategies for challenging the existing will to improve your chances of overturning the original settlement.

Using our specialist services can make the process faster and less costly potentially, helping you reach a satisfactory settlement more quickly. To make the process as easy as possible for you to manage, you will deal with the same lawyer on the case from beginning to end and will not be passed from department to department. It's vital to have confidence in your solicitor in terms of doing everything they can on your behalf, as well as faith in their guidance through the technical aspects of the law, to be sure of achieving the best outcome.

As specialist private lawyers we have the expertise and experience to manage your affairs more efficiently and smoothly, and the personal touch to deliver the service in way that suits you best.

ESTATES AND ADMINISTRATION

Coping with the death of a loved one is a difficult and stressful time.

There are many legal formalities following a death and we are dedicated to easing the burden placed upon friends and family of the deceased and work with them to provide the support they need.

We can advise on all aspects of Estate Administration both where there is a Will and what happens if someone has passed away without a Will. If someone dies without a Will their estate will be dealt with according to the rules of Intestacy, with their assets being distributed amongst their relatives according to a set legal formula.

Our wills, probate and trusts experts are available at our offices in Bridgwater, Minehead, Taunton and Yeovil.



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We believe accessibility is very important, which is why we have invested in a network of local offices, to make it easier and more convenient for our clients, rather than one big regional office. We are available to see you and discuss your requirements at any of the following locations

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Minehead

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