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THE IMPORTANCE OF WILLS



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WELCOME TO REES R & SYDNEY JONES

A law firm is first and foremost its people and Rees R & Sydney Jones has brought together a team of professional and support staff who understand the law and the way it affects our clients.

Our professional staff are assigned to specialist practice areas, ensuring that your matter is dealt with by someone experienced in your particular area. We pride ourselves on building relationships with our clients, and our team focus provides our clients with the same consistent high calibre of service in every dealing with the firm.

Please don't hesitate to call (07) 4927 6333 to make an appointment with one of our team to assist you.



WHAT IS A WILL?

A Will is a document that appoints a person or persons to administer your estate upon your death and directs how your assets are to be distributed. Depending on your circumstances, this may include a Testamentary Trust which provides flexibility in asset protection and taxation benefits.

WHAT IS AN EXECUTOR?

An executor is a person who is appointed to control the administration of your estate. An executor's role is to uphold your Will and arrange to collect your assets, pay your liabilities and distribute the assets to the beneficiaries named in your Will. You are able to appoint up to 4 people to be your executors.

WHO CAN MAKE A WILL?

With some exceptions, a person must be at least 18 years of age to make a Will. A person must have capacity to be able to make a Will.

WHY DO I NEED A WILL?

A Will gives your family direction as to what you want to happen with your assets upon your death. If you do not have a Will, you risk that your assets may be distributed in a way that you would never have wished. By having a Will, you get to decide who will receive your estate.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I REVIEW MY WILL?

We recommend that you review your Will every 3 to 5 years (as your personal and financial circumstances often change). You can revoke your Will at any time and put a new Will in place, provided you have the capacity to do so.

SHOULD I TELL SOMEONE I'VE MADE A WILL?

Yes, you should inform your executor that you have made a Will and advise them of their appointment as your executor. You should also inform your executor/s where the original Will is located.



WHERE SHOULD I KEEP MY WILL?

If you make a Will with a Solicitor, generally that law firm will retain the original Will in their safe custody on your behalf. It is important that your Will is kept in a safe place and is not marked, clipped, or pinned in any way.

CAN I MAKE MY OWN WILL?

You can make your own Will, however you may run the risk of creating problems when it comes time to administering your estate if it has not been written or executed correctly. There are certain requirements a Will has to comply with in order for it to be valid. If the Will has not been executed in accordance with the requirements, then your estate may incur extra costs in having a Court determine the Will's validity and cause further stress on your family.

NEED ADVICE?

The right advice and proper planning of your Estate now can minimise the risk of family tension at a later time. Many people may require more specialist estate planning advice, especially blended families or people who have children with a disability who wish to provide for their financial support and stability without affecting their benefits. Everyone should have an up to date Will and speaking to a Solicitor will help ensure that your wishes are carried out.

If you don't already have a Will or wish to review your current Will, please call our team on (07) 4927 6333, or email enquire@reesjones.com.au to make an appointment.



BETTER TOGETHER.

Developing strong, personal relationships with our clients and understanding your needs is what matters most. Our sophisticated computer system allows us to manage and review client files quickly and efficiently, leaving staff free to concentrate on your specific needs, whether you come to us or we travel to you.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss any issue with you to see if the law can provide a satisfactory solution. The office of Rees R & Sydney Jones is conveniently located in the centre of Rockhampton. Feel free to make an appointment to see us at anytime. We also try to keep in personal contact with our clients throughout Queensland and travel frequently to conduct seminars on topics of interest.



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