

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, LIVING WILL/ ESTATE PLANNING SERVICES

A Last Will or Testament is a legal document that regulates what happens to a person's estate (assets and liabilities) after his or her death. It is a key instrument to ensure that your life's endeavours leave a lasting legacy much bigger than yourself.

A Living Will, on the other hand, is a legal document that directs which medical treatment(s) should be given, under directed instances and to which extent it is to be administered, when a person cannot direct so themselves.



WHEN SHOULD YOU UPDATE YOUR WILL OR HAVE ONE DRAFTED?

- You recently got **married** or you are living with someone.
- You want to **appoint a guardian** or set up a trust fund **for your children** to ensure they are protected and cared for.
- Alternatively, your child/children have now have reached the **age of majority** and no longer need the provisions you put in place while they were still minors.
- You have **started a business**, or your business has expanded, and you need to make provision for its future, ensuring it does not lose value and burden your estate.
- You have **pets** and would like to ensure that they are not put down.
- You were recently, or are in the process of getting, **divorced**, or are now **separated** from your partner.
- You want to protect your estate from paying **excessive taxes or debts**, or becoming insolvent.
- You want to support your **favourite charity** or donate your **organs** after death.

WHEN SHOULD YOU HAVE A LIVING WILL DRAFTED?

- You have been **diagnosed with serious or terminal illness**.
- You wish to **leave directions for your loved ones or physician** should a medical situation or emergency arise.

DESCRIPTION	FEE (VAT included)
Basic Last Will and Testament (including initial consultation) * **	R2590.00
Basic Living Will (including initial consultation) * **	R2130.00
Basic Will and Living Will (including a combined initial consultation) * **	R3570.00

*** Our comprehensive last will and testament drafting service includes the following:**

- Sixty minute consultation with an expert attorney,
- Based on your preferences, serving your best interests and needs we will tailor the most suitable estate planning advice for you (during the consultation),
- The drafting of a basic tailor-made will (in the event where your needs require more than a basic will, the rates to do this the reasons and the rates will be communicated at consultation),
- Provision of a complimentary copy of your will on signature thereof,
- Free lifelong secure notarial standard storage of your will,
- Inclusion of your name on our exclusive "wills database" which reminds clients at six month intervals (via your preferred means) to draft / update their existing will(s).

*** Our comprehensive living will drafting service includes the following:**

- Sixty minute consultation with an expert attorney (either included with your last will and testament or not,
- Provision of a complimentary copy of your living will on signature thereof,
- Free lifelong secure notarial standard storage of your living will,
- Inclusion of your name on our exclusive "wills database" which reminds clients at six month intervals (via your preferred means) to draft / update their existing last will(s) and testament(s).

**** Importantly, the above rates do not include:**

- The revision or amendment of existing last wills and testaments / codicils or living wills,
- Setting up a trust (whether *inter vivos* or testamentary), or
- Estate planning advice and related calculations outside of the said consultation.

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