

LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

At present an Enduring Power of Attorney only gives an Attorney the authority to deal with a person's financial affairs. Changes in the law with effect from 2007 will introduce a new wide-ranging form of Power of Attorney to be known as the Lasting Power of Attorney which will empower an Attorney to take all decisions on a person's behalf including those to do with medical treatment and care.

COURT OF PROTECTION

For those who are unable to manage their affairs, and where no Enduring Power of Attorney has been granted, the Public Trust Office appoints a "receiver". This is usually a relative or close friend or the family may decide to appoint a solicitor.

For those who wish to appoint a third party to handle their affairs, we are only too pleased to draw up a Power of Attorney document or indeed to take on the role of Attorney.

WHY LEATHES PRIOR?

Nobody can predict what the future holds.

At Leathes Prior we are aware that growing older can be a distressing or difficult, and emotional time for you and your loved ones. We can help to ease the path for all concerned and to take on some or all of the burden of managing home and finances if required.



WHO ARE WE?

Founded in 1876, Leathes Prior is one of East Anglia's leading law firms providing a full private client service. The traditional values of professional integrity and close personal service are complemented by a modern approach to business and client satisfaction.

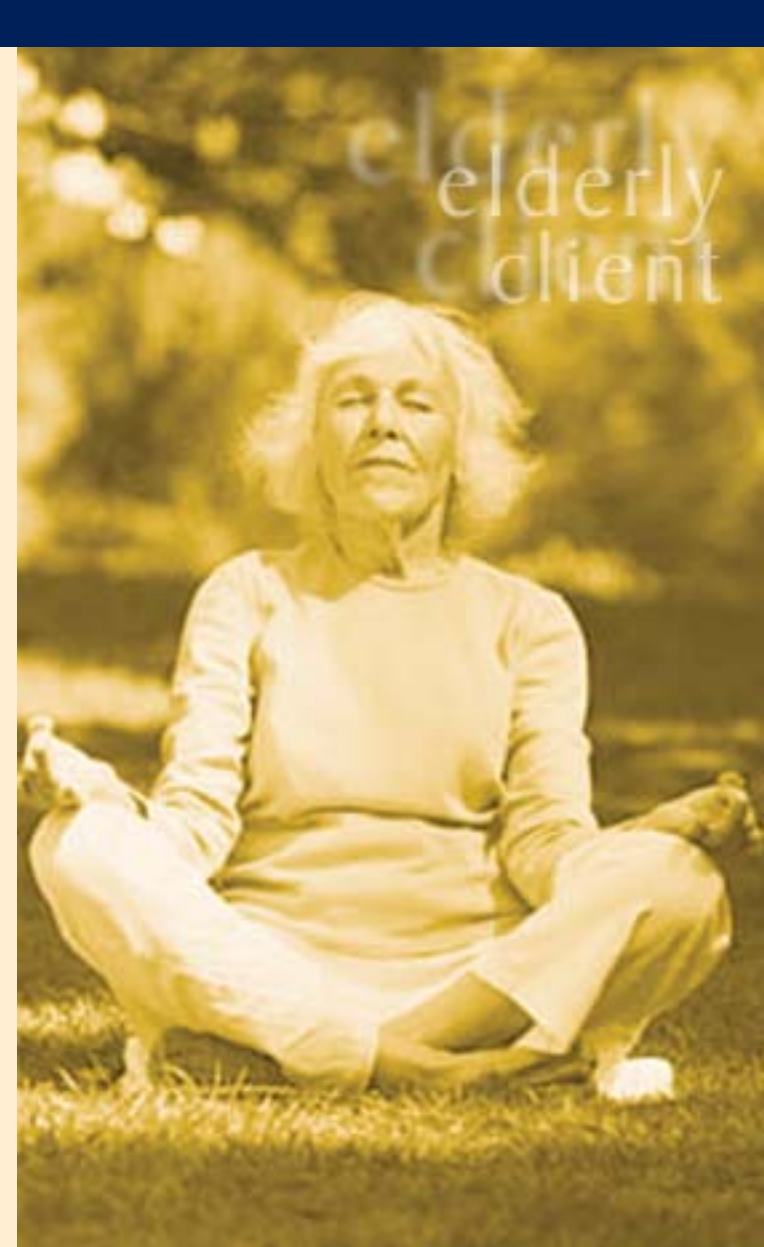
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE

Leathes Prior provides a broad range of services which include the following:-

- Divorce
- Family, Matrimonial and Child Care
- Inheritance Tax, Trusts, and Estate Planning
- Probate

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ELDERLY CLIENT EXPERTISE

As we become older we often worry about what will happen to our affairs and who will manage them should our circumstances change. We at Leathes Prior have a special range of services to meet the needs of elderly clients, or those with elderly relatives. Home visits may be arranged and we place great importance on the establishment of a good relationship between client and solicitor.

We can, if required, take over the complete administration of a client's financial affairs. This may be of particular benefit to those planning to move into residential care. The services include:-

- Managing Bank and Building Society accounts.
- Arranging payment of bills.
- Advice on Social Security Benefits and tax allowances.
- Arranging of investments.
- Completion of income tax returns.
- Drafting of wills and living wills.
- Estate planning.
- Formation of Trusts.

The complete legal service for the elderly

ADVISORY SERVICES

For some elderly clients, living at home may involve the need for special appliances such as chair lifts. We can advise on grants which may be available. If there is a need for regular home help, or other support services, we can advise on the requirements for obtaining these services.

THE FAMILY HOME

Some clients may wish to give the house to their children or other relatives, whilst continuing to live there. We can provide advice on the tax and other consequences of this and the documentation necessary to protect the client's right of occupation. For those wishing to sell their house we can arrange with an estate agent for the property to be placed on the market, carry out the necessary conveyancing and arrange the investment of the money from the sale as required.

RESIDENTIAL CARE

If a move into residential care becomes necessary, we can advise on types of accommodation, legal requirements, fees, regulations and the funding available through income support. We are happy to arrange home visits to those in residential care.



POWERS OF ATTORNEY

A Power of Attorney gives a third party formal authority to handle another's affairs. They can only be completed by those with sufficient mental capacity to understand their meaning. There are under current law two types. These are:

Ordinary Power of Attorney

In this case the scope of the attorney's authority may be limited to a specific task (such as selling a house) and for a limited period of time.

Enduring Power of Attorney

This Power of Attorney, however, remains in force even if the person later becomes incapable. It is permissible to create an Enduring Power of Attorney on the basis that it will only come into effect if the person later becomes incapable.

