



### 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, Child Care and Wardship
- Inheritance Tax, Trusts and Estate Planning
- Probate
- Property Development and Investment

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# The complete legal service for making your will

## WHY MAKE A WILL?

We all know we should have one, but often it gets overlooked.

If someone dies without having made a will he or she is said to be intestate. The rules of intestacy are governed by law and outside of your control.

Contrary to what you might expect, the surviving spouse does not automatically inherit the whole estate. Parents may have a claim and your children often have a right to part of your estate. If you are not officially married to your partner, you may be treated as a single person and a surviving partner may get nothing.

## WHY LEATHES PRIOR?

Nobody can predict what the future holds. At Leathes Prior we are aware that death is inevitably a difficult and emotional time for those you leave behind. Making a will may help to ensure that additional stress and worry are not added to the natural grief of your loved ones, and we are here to help.



## POINTS TO CONSIDER

Before you come to see us you may find it useful to consider the following points:

### What is the value of all your assets?

Your home, insurance policies, investments, premium bonds or savings and pension entitlements?

### Who do you want to benefit from your estate?

Normally this would be your close family but many people also want to remember friends or give to charities.

### How would you like them to benefit?

You may want to leave money, a valued possession, or family heirloom holding sentimental value.

### Who would you like to be your Executors?

Usually one or two people who ideally would be expected to survive you and, if they will have to dispose of some of your property, they should be financially astute. If you are unsure about who to select, you can nominate Leathes Prior to act as Executor.

### Do you need to consider guardians for your children?

If so they need to be asked.

### Do you have strong feelings about your funeral?

A will is a good place to record all your wishes

**Do you have young children?** Do you want them to inherit at age 18 or do you feel that 21 or 25 may be more appropriate.

## WHAT IS INVOLVED?

Once you have taken time to think over the points listed, you will need to make an appointment so we can discuss your wishes and answer any queries you may have.

At this meeting it would be helpful if you had the full names and addresses of your beneficiaries.

A draft will be prepared and sent to you for your consideration. If you wish to make changes it may be necessary for you to come to see us again. If you are happy with the draft, a final version is prepared for you to sign, in our presence, so that we can witness your signature.

We also offer a free service to store your Will in our Strong Room for safe custody. A copy will be provided for you to keep at home.

## AS CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE

Family and financial circumstances change as do tax laws. Marriage, divorce and new births are all cases where your Will should be updated. As such, it is important periodically to consider what alterations are necessary. If you are unsure, we will be happy to advise you and make any changes that are required.

