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If you do not have a Will, or your Will is invalid or unclear, this can lead not only to unintended consequences, but a lot of heartache, upheaval and potential cost for your loved ones in trying to resolve matters after your death.

#### How we can help

One of our team of qualified, experienced lawyers will be pleased to assist you in drawing up your Will. We will provide you with a Will Questionnaire prior to your appointment to help you start thinking about what you would like to happen upon your death. This will include who your Executors should be, whether you wish to leave any specific items or sums of money to individuals, who will be Guardians for your children and who should inherit your estate.

We will then meet with you in person to discuss your personal circumstances and what you wish to achieve in your Wills. We provide comprehensive advice on the options available to you, tailored to achieving your wishes as far as possible. If required, we can advise on Inheritance Tax planning and simple Trusts within your Will, in order to best achieve your aims.

We can also advise on potential claims or challenges which could be made against your Will on your death, and how best to mitigate the risk of these claims either arising or being successful.

#### Why us?

Our fees compare favourably with banks and Will writing services and you have peace of mind that all of our lawyers are fully qualified and regulated, which is often not the case with Will Writing companies.

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We are often able to provide a fixed estimate in advance for simple single or mirror wills. For more complicated matters, such as arrangements including Trusts or tax planning, we will provide you with a no-obligation estimate after an initial meeting.

We offer free and secure storage of original wills in our strong room and will provide you with a copy of your will to keep at home.

We offer appointments at any of our offices in Eastbourne, Meads, Polegate or Hailsham. We can also offer home or hospital visits where required.

### **Contact Hart Reade**

If you wish to speak to any of our team, please call us on **01323 727321**, visit our website **www.hartreade.co.uk** or email us on **info@hartreade.co.uk**.

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