ESTATE PLANNING

Wills • Powers of Attorney • Enduring Guardians



WILLS Wills take effect on death.

They have no legal effect during the willmaker's lifetime.



Takes charge of the willmaker's estate on death.



BENEFICIARIES

Persons who receive the willmaker's estate following death.



IF A PERSON DIES WITHOUT LEAVING A WILL

then the estate is allocated in accordance with a government scheme. The government scheme is rarely consistent with the wishes of the deceased person.



IF THERE IS A PROPERLY PREPARED AND SIGNED WILL

in place at your death, then your estate will pass as you wish to your chosen beneficiaries.



POWER OF ATTORNEY

A power of attorney operates during lifetime. It is a legal document made by one person that allows another person to do things with money, bank accounts, shares, real estate, and other assets.



A power of attorney only authorises the person's attorneys to act in relation to

FINANCIAL MATTERS

It does not allow the attorneys to make personal (including medical) decisions.



By appointing trusted attorneys, you ensure that there are persons who can carry on your financial affairs

IF THE NEED ARISES.



ENDURING GUARDIANS

If you want someone to make medical treatment and other personal or lifestyle decisions for you, you should appoint enduring guardians.





Ideally, the enduring guardians should be persons close to where you live, and readily present in case of emergencies.