

## Meet our team

### Contested Wills & Estates Law

#### Overview

The law does require that certain people be fairly and properly provided for in a Will, and we are experts in helping people get what they are fairly entitled to.

Our long experience shows that many Wills are not legally binding. A court can make orders to redistribute the Estate to pay moneys where people have been unreasonably left out, or are named in a Will but not properly provided for in the circumstances.

What sorts of people may be able to make a claim?

- If you were married to the person who made the Will, or you were their partner
- If you are a child of the person who made the Will (or an adopted child)
- If you are the ex-wife or ex-husband of the person who made the Will
- If you are a grandchild of the person who made the Will and were wholly or partially dependent upon them. For example, you lived with the deceased or the deceased supported you financially
- If you lived with the person who made the Will at some time and you were dependent upon them to some extent (this commonly includes step children or foster children)
- You could be eligible to make a claim even if there is no Will

**Time limits:** You only have a limited time from the date of death of the Will-maker to have me put in a claim for you, so don't delay. It's always best to act quickly to get our professional guidance on what you're entitled to, and our free appraisal makes it easy for you.

#### We can help you with other situations including:

- Challenging the validity of a Will (Challenging a Will)
- Defending a Will that has been contested or challenged (Defending a Will)
- Was the Will properly signed and witnessed? (Will Disputes)
- Is the wording of the Will confusing?
- Was the Will-maker of sound mind at the time they made or changed their Will?
- Was there any forgery or fraud involved?
- Are you the Executor (or Beneficiary) of a Will being challenged and need to know your rights and obligations? (Rights of a Beneficiary)
- Is the Executor properly distributing the Estate? (Executor Duties)
- Is Probate of the Will required? (Probate)
- Did the deceased die without leaving a Will? (No Will)

#### Is the location of your lawyer important?

It's much more important in these matters for you to have an expert lawyer rather than a general lawyer who is located close to you. You'll be relaxed to know that we've successfully assisted people all over Australia, and internationally, to obtain what they should have been given in a Will.

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