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Pro Bono Legal Advice

SO YOU'RE WRITING A WILL!

Ensuring you have a valid will is one of the most caring and responsible things you can do for your loved ones, short of a family trip to the USA that includes a couple of days set aside for Disneyland, Universal Studios and, if there's time, a crack den in South Central LA.

Nobody likes making a will. It means dwelling on our own mortality. Our own death. The fact that one day we'll cease to be. Gone from this earth, just like that. It's a scary thought isn't it? Especially if you imagine Death as a kind of hideous, skeletal figure like in those AIDS ads that were on TV a few years ago - you know, the ten pin bowling ads. Brrrrr!

Common Questions

• **Who can make out a will?**

Anyone can make out a will providing their eyesight is good. If you want to write a will, you must be over 18. And living.

• **What about organ donation?**

You may donate your organ (if you have one) to any church or a musically-minded loved one.

• **What is a testator?**

The person who writes the will.

• **What is an executor?**

A large, bare-chested man with a black hood over his head and an axe in one hand.

• **Can I give all my money to my lawyer?**

Yes. In fact, more and more people are doing this every day.

• **What happens if I die as I'm writing my will?**

Try and write more quickly.

• **Can I leave my estate to a pet?**

Yes, although you should bear in mind that cats and dogs are notorious spendthrifts.

Common Misconceptions

- The whale is in fact a mammal and not a fish.
- In the movie Casablanca, Humphrey Bogart never actually said the line, "Play it again, Sam".
- Peanuts are not nuts. They are classified as legumes.
- Scientists cannot accurately predict earthquakes – it's still pretty much guesswork!
- Though beavers live near rivers and lakes, they don't eat fish.
- Venetian blinds were invented in Japan – not Venice.

How we can help

Welcher & Welcher can help you prepare your will. We offer a wide selection of pens and ample desk space at our offices. For a small lodgement fee we can securely store your will for you. For a slightly larger lodgement fee, we will place it in our safe.