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Wills & Probate

We offer a comprehensive range of services relating to wills, trusts, tax planning and powers of attorney, always striving to be approachable and sympathetic to your individual needs.

Wills & Estate Administration

Having a properly drafted will ensures that your wishes will be followed on your death. It allows you to appoint executors who will be responsible for carrying out your wishes, and guardians for the care of your children. You can choose who will inherit from your estate, rather than it being decided for you under the law.

When a person has died it is often difficult to know what needs to be done to sort out their affairs. We can provide assistance with any aspect of estate administration, from initial guidance to acting as executors ourselves. We can also assist in dealing with H M Revenue & Customs regarding the payment of any inheritance tax.

Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs)

An LPA allows you to appoint attorneys to act on your behalf in dealing with your affairs should you become incapable of managing matters yourself, and we can set this up for you.

If you were to become mentally incapacitated and did not have an LPA in place, a deputy would need to be appointed through the Court of Protection and this is a lengthy and expensive process.

Trusts & Tax Planning

By planning during your lifetime it is possible to minimise inheritance tax payable on your death. Setting up trusts can often be a way of saving tax but they are also very useful mechanisms for protecting and preserving assets – whether for vulnerable beneficiaries or future generations. We can guide you through the options available.

We can also assist you with the following:

- Living wills
- Court of Protection applications
- Existing Enduring Powers of Attorney
- Deeds of Variation

Further information about the range of services offered by MacDonald Oates LLP can be found by visiting the firm's website at www.macdonaldoates.co.uk.

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