

NATIONAL WILLS WEEK

11-15 September 2017

LET AN ATTORNEY WRITE YOUR WILL - FREE!



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reasons why you should have a will

1. It is your right to decide who should inherit your assets.
2. You must ensure your family is provided for in terms of your last wishes.
3. Your assets will be left to the beneficiaries of your choice.
4. The executor who is appointed is someone you know, trust and may have chosen yourself.
5. You will avoid extra or unnecessary costs.
6. You will avoid unhappiness and conflict among members of your family because there are clear instructions on how to distribute your assets.



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reasons why you should use an attorney to draft your will

1. A practising attorney is a qualified professional registered with a law society.
2. An attorney has the necessary knowledge and expertise to ensure that your will is valid and complies with all the legal requirements.
3. An attorney helps to ensure that your estate is administered promptly, efficiently.
4. An attorney can advise you on any problem which may arise with your will.
5. An attorney can assist and support your executor.



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things about an executor

1. The executor must administer your estate according to your will.
2. The executor can be your attorney, your spouse or a family member or friend.
3. If you decide on a spouse, family member or friend, it is advisable also to nominate the attorney as co-executor as the attorney will deal with any legal issues.



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things to think about before you make your will

1. Who must get what?
2. Who should be the legal guardians of your minor children (those under 18)?
3. Who should be the executor of your will?
4. Should you consider a joint will with your spouse?



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things to take to your appointment with the attorney

1. Your ID document (and for your spouse if you have a joint will).
2. A list of what you own (including specific personal items that you wish to bequeath to specific people) and who should get what.



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decision made

Make an appointment with an attorney to draft your will – FREE during National Wills Week from 11 to 15 September 2017.

Only new basic wills will be drafted. No changes to existing wills.

Where to find an attorney to draft your will:

www.LSSA.org.za



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Alternatively, call the relevant provincial law society: For attorneys in –

- Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, North West call the Law Society of the Northern Provinces at (012) 338 5800;
- the Western, Eastern and Northern Cape call the Cape Law Society at (021) 443 6700;
- Free State call the Law Society of the Free State at (051) 447 3237;
- KwaZulu-Natal call the KwaZulu-Natal Law Society at (033) 345 1304.

Or call the Law Society of South Africa at (012) 366 8800.

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