

## THE WORDING OF YOUR WILL

Sometimes clients have said to me that they can't understand everything in their Will, well don't worry it's all tried and tested wording that has been produced by professional Will Writing software that is used in the UK by over 2,500 firms of solicitors and professional Will drafters.

There are many reasons for having a Will prepared by a Professional Will Writing Service like the one I provide. Most people are not prepared to write their own Will in case they leave out something important or in case their intentions are misinterpreted leading to family feuds after they die.

If you look at your Wills, the first thing you will notice is the obvious legal style and terminology. You may also notice that each clause may consist of rather long sentences with no punctuation.

There is a good reason for these traditional features. In the past certain Wills have been vigorously challenged and in each case a ruling has been made to interpret the intended meaning of the wording of the Will. In each case a decision had to be made and once established the law was able to accept that certain forms of words would not be challenged in the future. In effect, clauses that have been accepted in the past go a long way towards writing a 'watertight' Will that cannot be misinterpreted.

Even the effect of commas, full stops and other punctuation can be disputed and when there is a lot of money at stake, possible heirs will go to extreme lengths to get a Will interpreted in their favour. This is why it is usually considered best to use phrasing that can be read as a continuous sentence.

Apart from the traditional structure and phraseology, the most significant feature distinguishing a professionally drafted Will from a homemade Will, is probably the inclusion of wide ranging Trustee powers. Quite simply the Testator usually wants the Executors and Trustees to be able to distribute the Estate without hindrance from potential beneficiaries who may argue that funds are not being used correctly. Plainly the Testator would wish his Executors to be able to make the same kind of decisions he would have made while alive.

Some of the Trustee powers like investing, insuring, allocation of funds to minors, etc. may appear to be obvious requirements. Other powers and provisions may be more esoteric but offer comprehensive facilities to the administrators of the Estate.

Regards and thanks for your custom

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