

## **WILLS AND ESTATES**

### **PUTTING IT OFF**

One of the most common mistakes made, if not the most common mistake, in estate planning is to put off making or adjusting your Will. Some people just do not want to confront the issue of death.

On the other hand, there are clients who find the estate planning problems presented by their life circumstances too hard to confront. They have spent sleepless nights worrying about the problems that they have identified in their lives: a new relationship; a falling out within the family; a complex business structure; the breakdown of a relationship; a new child to a new relationship.

All of these life circumstances do create real issues which require careful examination in order to put in place an effective estate plan to make provision for the people you want to provide for when you pass on.

Adjusting your estate plan and your Will to meet the individual circumstances of your life does require the assistance and the special skill of a Lawyer who is capable of identifying the problem, taking your issues seriously and finding a solution together with you. You need the services of a Lawyer who can find a specific solution to your individual problem and draft a Will and an estate plan to meet your needs.

Anyone who says to you that it is a simple process to draft your individual Will and estate plan, may not understand the complexities of asset planning and what can go wrong with a simple will. Many beneficiaries have suffered both financially and with stress due to their loved one leaving an invalid Will or one which could be easily challenged by other relatives wanting a slice of the estate. Don't put it off, as the problems live on after you have passed on.