

What happens next

On receipt of the Grant of Probate or Letters of Administration we collect in the deceased's assets and distribute them in accordance with the deceased's Will or the Intestacy Rules.

we advise on any trust or family arrangement that may be required on any ongoing Inheritance Tax or advise on the protection of assets.

What if there is a claim against the estate?

We examine the circumstances of how and when the Will was prepared and whether the deceased had 'testamentary capacity'. We can advise and assist on dealing with any potential claims against the estate to have these resolved without recourse to court proceedings.

Our aim is to give you practical and immediate help with any urgent matters that need attention, and to then make the administration and division of the estate as easy, stress free and straightforward as it possibly can be for you at such a difficult time.

If you need assistance with the sale or transfer of property, land or other assets, we can look after that too.



Please contact us if you would like to know more about our services, our fees or to make an appointment.

We offer a free half-hour consultation at the beginning of any service that we provide.

Where it is not possible for you to attend our office in normal working hours we will offer evening and weekend appointments.

Where it is not possible for you to attend our office we will visit you at home (on the Island) at no extra charge.

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- ✓ Reputation for high quality, tailored care
- ✓ Clear communication and charges

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Following a Bereavement...

When someone close to you dies, the time will come for their affairs to be sorted out. Whatever your part in this – whether you're the appointed executor of the Will, a friend, or a family member – we're here to help get you through what is undoubtedly a very painful time. There may well be all sorts of legal issues to be dealt with, but don't worry if they seem unfamiliar. It is our job to explain it all to you and to make sure that the administration of the estate is carried out correctly.

What we do...

We'll work very closely with you so that assets are collected and distributed to the right people. Our expert lawyers will help you sort out Inheritance Tax liabilities and any debts payable by the estate. We will obtain Probate if that is required, or advise you on how to do that yourself.

Here for you...

We can sort out urgent matters such as securing property and protecting assets and we can deal with third parties on your behalf such as banks, tax authorities, the local council and so on.

Get in touch...

To contact our friendly and experienced team, and for a free initial discussion, please call Lewis on 01983 533938 or email lewis@pwsolicitor.co.uk or see the back of this brochure for further contact information .

Probate explained

When someone dies it may be necessary to obtain the authority of the Court to administer their estate. This is the responsibility of the deceased's Personal Representatives.

The Personal Representatives will be Executors appointed by the Will or where there is no Will the deceased's nearest relative.

If the deceased left a Will the authority is called a Grant of Probate. If they did not leave a Will the authority is called a Grant of Letters of Administration.

If the deceased did not own property or shares it is sometimes possible for the Personal Representatives to administer the estate informally (i.e. without a Grant of Probate or letters of Administration).

“Regular face to face contact made the whole process effective.”

Mr Galbraith

Varying the terms of a Will or Intestacy

Sometimes the way in which a Will is worded or the Intestacy Rules apply may not reflect the best interests of all the beneficiaries.

In these circumstances it is possible within two years of the date of death and provided all the beneficiaries agree, to vary the terms of the Will or Intestacy with a Deed of Variation to achieve a fairer or more tax efficient distribution of the estate.

The resulting distribution is deemed to have been made by the deceased not the beneficiaries and can have important benefits for future liability to Inheritance Tax or liability for Care Home fees.

We can advise and assist in the preparation of a Deed of Variation.

Your immediate questions answered...

When there is a Will

We check the validity of the Will and collate details of the deceased's assets, debts and income. Where it is necessary to obtain a Grant of Probate we prepare an account to deliver to HMRC, arrange to pay any Inheritance Tax due and submit the application to the Court.

On receipt of the Grant of Probate we collect in the deceased's assets and distribute them in accordance with the deceased's Will.

We advise on any trust or family arrangement that may be set up under the Will and any ongoing Inheritance Tax or advice on the protection of assets.

When there is no Will?

We advise who is entitled to the deceased's assets under the intestacy rules and who also have the responsibility to administer the estate. It may necessary to search for lost relatives.

