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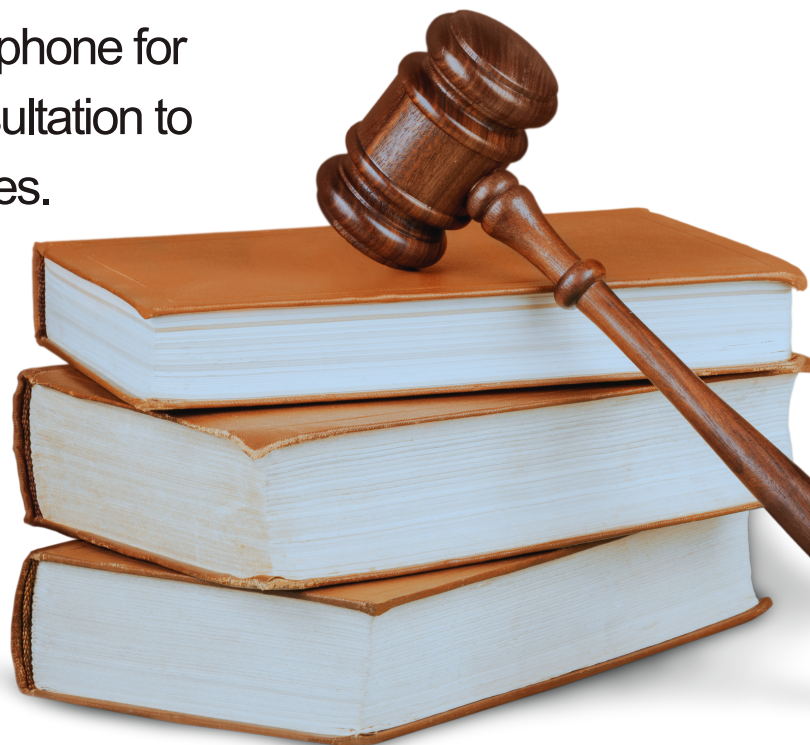
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LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEYS

Contact us to discuss over the phone for an initial (up to) 30 minute consultation to discuss and answer your queries.

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WHAT IS LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

This is a legal document where a person creating the document gives another, who is to be the Attorney, the authority to make certain decisions on their behalf in relation to either their property and financial affairs, or their general health and welfare. The LPA needs to be created at the time that you have sound mind and have capacity to make decisions for yourself. You cannot sign an LPA once you have lost capacity, for example if you had severe Dementia. The LPA ensures that you have nominated attorneys who will have the legal authority to be able to manage your affairs and make decisions on your behalf.

If you have no LPA

In the absence of an LPA, any person could apply to court to be given the authority to manage your affairs and/or make decisions on your behalf. The process for this application is lengthy and very expensive. This is why it is important to have an LPA in place, which is also a one-off cost unlike Wills, where you have to rewrite if your circumstances change.

The LPA does not need to be changed unless you change your mind about the people you chose to be your attorneys and lasts for your lifetime. Upon your death, the LPA is no longer applicable because your Will is what will be relevant and your chosen Executors will have the right to manage your affairs and make decision in the best interest of your estate.

TWO TYPES OF LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEYS

Financial and Property Affairs

This allows your attorneys to manage your financial and property affairs and to be able to assume control over all your property unless you have stated restrictions in the LPA.

Health and Welfare

This type of LPA allows the attorneys to make health and welfare decisions for you which includes: where you live, day to day care arrangements for medical services and assessments (community care), consenting or refusing treatment and social activities. This LPA will also ask you if you want your attorneys to have the power to make life sustaining decisions on your behalf so you have this option under this LPA.

Your chosen attorneys need to be aware they have been nominated to act under the LPA as they also need to sign the LPA document



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