



# WILLS

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## OUT OF SIGHT, BUT NOT OUT OF MIND

Most clients find that the hardest part of the Will-making process is making that first call to their Lawyer. Client's frequently leave my office after signing their Wills saying "well, that was easy". If you have a few basic ideas in mind when you call (for example, about executors and beneficiaries), your lawyer will ask you the right questions to help you decide how to set up your Will, and your lawyer will take it from there.

But, just because you have signed your Will doesn't mean that you can put it away and forget about it forever. Even though your Lawyer will try, to the greatest extent possible, to draft your Will so it will 'grow with you' and you won't have to change it every time something significant happens in your life, you should make an effort to review it periodically to ensure it is kept up to date.

Certain things may occur in your lifetime that substantially alter your circumstances. If your Will doesn't contemplate these occurrences, then it might be necessary to change your Will:

- (a) you have married, separated or divorced since making your Will;
- (b) the birth of a child or grandchild who was not included in your Will;
- (c) the death of a beneficiary;
- (d) the person you appointed as executor, trustee or guardian has moved away, no longer wishes to act, or died;
- (e) your backup executor, trustee or guardian is getting on in years and may not be likely to survive you;
- (f) a substantial change in your personal assets or net worth; or
- (g) you have moved to or acquired real estate in Quebec or another country.

If you think your Will might need to be changed, or you are unsure, please consult a Lawyer who is experienced in Wills & Estates to determine what, if anything, needs to be done.

### Contact Fulton & Company's Wills & Estates Team

if you have any questions regarding wills or estate matters.

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