

Do I Need a Will, Trust, or Power of Attorney?

Visiting a lawyer at Williamson Law to properly draft the documents for your estate plan is not expensive.

If you die without a will, the laws of intestate secession in Kansas will automatically pass some of your property, to your spouse and children (or parents) in some cases.

A properly drafted Will allows you to :

- *Ensure that your property will be distributed as you wish.

- *Appoint an Executor or Trustee to oversee and manage your estate.

- *Appoint a guardian and conservator for your minor children.

- *Specify funeral wishes and make specific bequests.

- *Expedite the legal process and reduce the stress and heartache of loved ones.

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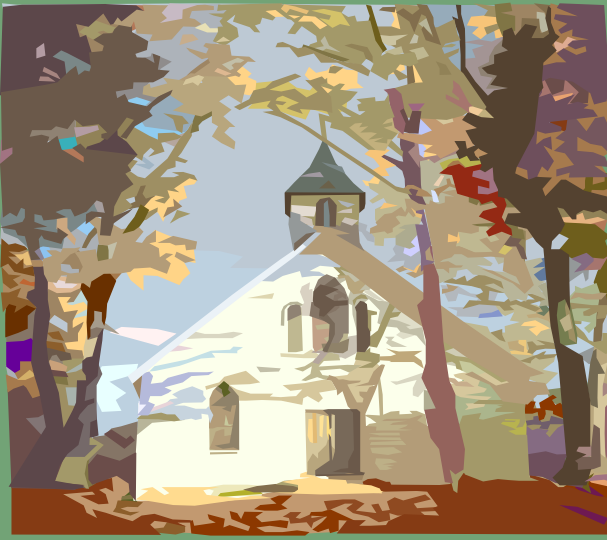
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"Everyone needs an Estate Plan, whether it be a will, a trust, power of attorneys for health care and/or financial. Our plan was done timely and with great care. I can't imagine using any other lawyer. "

- A Client Who Does not Procrastinate -

Why Wills And Trusts Are A Good Idea

Having an attorney write a will is important for all adults regardless of wealth, marital status or age. Rather than allow the State of Kansas to dictate who will get your property, when you pass, a will directs who will get your property and in what amount; who will serve as guardian or conservator for your minor children, and who will be in charge of your affairs as Executor. You can also make specific bequests to anyone you choose.

Wills can be amended at any time. If you have children, get divorced or get married, you should call your attorney to see if your will needs updated.

A will may contain a trust or a trust may be a stand-alone revocable or irrevocable document. Trusts are complex legal instruments and they may be used to pass your property, or to reduce taxes, or to protect your beneficiaries until they reach a certain age. In some situations a trust with a spendthrift provision prevents the creditors of your beneficiaries from taking their inheritance.

A Living Will is a legal document that sets out the medical treatment you wish to receive in the event that you cannot express your wishes. Those wishes will be followed by a doctor and this saves your family from having to make those tough decisions.

Power of Attorney For Financial Matters and Health Care.

A Power of Attorney for Financial Matters allows a designated person to manage your financial affairs in the event you no longer can. This allows your attorney- in- fact to deposit your checks, pay your bills and make financial decisions. One type of Power of Attorney is effective only upon your incapacitation and the other called a Durable Power of Attorney is effective immediately.

A Power of Attorney for Health Care allows a designated person to make health care decisions on your behalf regarding your treatment and health care decisions.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1) Williamson Law Office will make your estate plan affordable.
- 2) If you pass with a designated beneficiary listed on your real estate, life insurance or other financial product then the named beneficiary gets all of that property.
- 3) If you pass without a will, your spouse will get one half of your property and your child or children will share the other half.
- 4) If you are single, or divorcing, and if you pass you should expect a custody dispute to ensue unless you name a guardian and conservator in your will.
- 5) If you anticipate disputes among your potential heirs, talk to us about a "NO CONTEST CLAUSE" in your will or trust.
- 6) Select a strong and financial savvy person as your Executor. A person who gets things done and works well with your attorney will make the process much easier.

NOTE: The comments in this brochure are not to be construed as legal advice in your case. The comments are intended to provide only a general overview of the topic covered.

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