
Estates & Probate: how we can help

When someone dies, it is usually necessary to deal with the 'winding up' of their estate. This means sorting out their property and affairs in accordance with their Will – or if there is no Will, in accordance with the Administration of Estates Act.

Where there is a Will

If someone leaves a Will, it is usually necessary to apply for a Grant of Probate to give the Executor (the person appointed in the Will to manage the estate), the authority to do deal with everything.

There may also be trusts set up in the Will which need to be administered correctly. We can advise you about this and assist you as much or as little as you need to make sure that the estate, and any trust, is administered according to the law.

Where there is no Will

If there is no Will, it may be necessary to apply for someone to be appointed an Administrator, to take on the role of winding up the affairs. In this case, the authority is called a Grant of Letters of Administration.

Where there is no Will setting out who is entitled to the estate, money and property are distributed in accordance with the Intestacy Rules.

These rules changed on the 1 October 2014 and we can advise you on the up-to-date position.

What to do when Someone Dies

For more information about what to do when someone dies, you can download our free eBook '**What to do when someone dies: A guide to your legal responsibilities**' at <http://www.rochelegal.co.uk/what-to-do-when-someone-dies/>.

Assistance with the Administration

We can help you with the entire administration process or simply obtain the Grant of Administration on your behalf. We can also advise you about any inheritance tax that may be due.

Perhaps you also need help managing disputes or disagreements in the family, and we can take the stress out of this by acting as a neutral party.

Our Charges

If you simply wish us to obtain the Grant of Probate for an estate that you are dealing with, there is no inheritance tax to pay and the matter is uncomplicated, then we are able to offer a fixed fee.

Charges for Bespoke Administration

If you would like us to deal with the full administration of an estate or trust, we can provide you with a bespoke quote. All we need are details of the estate and of those involved. We will then provide you with a quotation for the work.

Our charges are based only on the amount of time that we spend on your matter and we never charge a percentage of the value of the estate on top.

We take a tailored approach at Roche Legal and will always work with you to achieve the best and most efficient outcome for the executors, trustees and beneficiaries.

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