

# Legacies and Bequests Northern Ireland



This information sheet is designed to highlight legal rights and issues pertaining to legacies and bequests made in Northern Ireland and should be read in conjunction with the *Gift of a Lifetime* brochure and any advice given to you by your solicitor.

- When you write your Will, it must be witnessed in person by two persons over the age of 18. Neither of these two witnesses may be listed as beneficiaries of your estate.
- If you marry after the date of your last Will, you must write a new Will.
- If you go through divorce proceedings, gifts in your Will to your ex-spouse become invalid. If you still wish to include them in your Will, you must write a new Will including them as an individual beneficiary.
- If you have children named as beneficiaries of your Will, but they predecease you, your legacy gift goes straight to their children if they have any.

Remember to use a qualified solicitor when writing your Will to ensure that your wishes are carried out as you have planned. The above advice should be used as a brief guide only and not in place of advice from a qualified solicitor.

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