

Wills

When people die without a will, New York State law determines the people in an individual's family who will receive the individual's property. Friends, unmarried partners, distant relatives and charities will be excluded under New York law. Also there are situations where close family members must be excluded, or the amount given to him or her must be given with the protection of a trust or other method. In many instances, who New York says should receive an individual's property is different than their real life wants or situation. Every person has the right to decide who his or her property should go to at his or her death. This is a very personal decision. A will preserves your authority in such matters. This legal document ensures that the estate of the person who executed the will is distributed in accordance to his or her wishes. Additionally, a guardian for your minor child/children may be appointed in your will to take effect at your death. This is a critical, expense and time saving ability that ensures **that the most precious people in your life are cared for in the event of your death** **How We Can Help**

It is necessary to have an experienced estate planning attorney prepare and assist you with the execution of your will. There are many, very formal requirements that must be followed in order for your will to be valid. It is not worth taking a chance that your will or the execution of your will does not comply with New York State law. By the time such an easy mistake is noticed, it may be too late to make sure your family is cared for the way you want them to be or that your property is distributed correctly. Our estate planning attorneys in Syracuse, NY can help you with the following:

Disposition of property

Ensuring compliance with New York's witness and other requirements

Appointment of the will's executor

Appointment of trustees

Appointments of guardians for minor children

Individuals are encouraged to look at their will with their attorney every five years and to regularly update their will when circumstances have changed in the individuals' lives. Updating a will is especially important after a divorce

. An individual may not "pencil in" change to his or her will. A change is not effective unless it is made and witnessed in accordance with New York State law. Our estate planning attorneys in Syracuse, NY

can help individuals formally amend their wills by preparing a “codicil,” an addition or supplement that explains, modifies, or revokes a will or part of one. Call a Tully Rinckey PLLC estate planning lawyer in Syracuse, N.Y.

We are available to represent individuals throughout Central New York, including Syracuse, Cicero, North Syracuse, Manlius, Liverpool, East Syracuse, Cazenovia, Skaneateles, Baldwinsville, Utica, New Hartford, Fayetteville and DeWitt.

To schedule a meeting with an estate planning attorney, call 315-492-4700 or e-mail info@tullylegal.com

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Our office is located in Franklin Square, near exits for I-81 and I-690, with free parking available for firm clients.

If your legal matter is urgent, call 518-727-3593 to speak to an attorney 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The firm is responsive to the needs of current and prospective clients and will respond to phone calls within normal business hours and e-mails within hours on the same business day. If you call or e-mail us after hours, you should expect to hear from our office by the next business day.