



LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

A Lasting Power of Attorney ("LPA") is a legal document that lets you appoint another person, the attorney, to make financial and/or welfare decisions on your behalf, if in the future, you become unable or unwilling to make your own decisions.

There are 2 types of Lasting Powers of Attorney:

Property and Financial Affairs – this gives your Attorney authority to deal with your property and finances. This can be used whether or not you lack mental capacity. Your Attorney will be able to manage your bank account, pay your bills, collect your pension and sell your home; and

Health and Welfare – this allows your Attorney to make welfare and health care decisions for you, including decisions about life sustaining treatment. This can only be used if you lack mental capacity to make your own decisions, your Attorney can make decisions about your daily routine, medical care and care home.

If an LPA is not in place when mental capacity is lost, an application must be made to the Court of Protection for a Deputy to be appointed. This is a complicated and costly process, and the Court of Protection will be involved on an ongoing basis. We can advise on making LPAs, prepare the documents and deal with registration at the Office of the Public Guardian ("OPG").

All our fees are fixed and agreed in advance from £450 +vat (£540 inc. vat) plus OPG registration fee of £110.

SOPHIE ANDREWS

Sophie joined Lodge Brothers as Head of Legal Services in 2016 to develop and set up its legal services business. Lodge Brothers Legal Services is a separate company, which has been granted a licence by the Solicitors Regulatory Authority, allowing Lodge Brothers Legal Services to provide professional Legal Services to its clients through its own legal team.



Sophie grew up in Surrey and studied law at University College London and the College of Law in Guildford qualifying as a Solicitor in 1997. Having trained at a leading Private Client firm, Charles Russell, Sophie has specialised in Wills, Probate and Powers of Attorney and now has many years of experience in these areas. She is an affiliate member of The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) and holds the Advanced Certificate in Will Preparation (passing with a distinction). Sophie lives in Surrey with her husband and three children.

"I am passionate about client care and enjoy building a friendly professional working relationship with all of my clients. My aim is to support each client with my caring and practical legal advice"

SOPHIE

If you would like to contact Sophie or a member of her team to arrange an appointment, or if you have any questions, please call us on **020 3540 6658** or email legalservices@lodgebrothers.co.uk

COMPANY INFORMATION

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Expert Help From The Family You Can Turn To

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AN INTRODUCTION TO LODGE BROTHERS LEGAL SERVICES

Lodge Brothers has been assisting families with funerals for over 230 years offering a professional and personal service that our clients have come to rely on. We are aware that many of our clients require legal services and in order to be able to assist our clients further we have set up Lodge Brothers Legal Services. Our clients can turn to us for accessible, affordable legal advice in relation to Probate, Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney.

PROBATE

When a family member or loved one dies, dealing with estate administration is often the last thing on a person's mind. We offer an efficient, professional and above all personal service to make your life easier at such a distressing time.

When a person dies leaving a valid Will, the appointed Executors need to apply for a Grant of Probate to administer the Deceased's estate. If there is no Will, the laws of intestacy apply and the law sets out which family member is entitled to apply for a Grant of Letters of Administration and administer the estate.

The process of administering an estate is commonly known as probate and involves:

- ascertaining the value of the Deceased's assets and liabilities;
- dealing with the Inland Revenue Inheritance Tax return;
- preparing the probate papers;
- applying to the Probate Registry for the Grant of Probate or Grant of Letters of Administration; and
- collecting in the assets of the estate and settling the liabilities once the Grant is received.

Probate will be required to sell or transfer a house, sell or transfer shares and in most cases to close bank accounts.

The assistance required by the Executors will depend on the finances of the Deceased, the terms of the Will, the family circumstances and how much work the Executors are willing or able to do.



OUR PROBATE SERVICES

LODGE BROTHERS LEGAL SERVICES OFFER 3 LEVELS OF SERVICE TO SUIT YOUR REQUIREMENTS.



Fixed Fee from £250 +vat (£300 inc. vat):

- Executors prepare all probate forms;
- Executors make a personal application to the probate registry;
- We will check the forms are completed correctly; and
- Responsibility for the application remains with Executors.



Fixed Fee from £750 +vat (£900 inc. vat) plus disbursements:

- Executors responsible for registering death with all asset holders;
- Executors establish the assets and liabilities at date of death; and
- We will complete the probate papers, Inheritance tax forms and apply for the Grant of Probate.



Fixed Fee from £1,500 +vat (£1,800 inc. vat) plus disbursements:

This is our most complete service which will relieve you of the heavy burden of dealing with the estate when your thoughts are elsewhere. It ensures that probate is obtained quickly and efficiently.

- We will register the death certificate with the asset holders;
- We will ascertain the date of death assets and liabilities of the estate; and
- We will complete all the probate papers, Inheritance Tax forms and apply for the Grant of Probate.



WILLS

Only 30% of people in this country have made a Will. This is because we do not like thinking about death and we are unaware of the importance of having a professionally drafted Will. Once a person overcomes their fears and makes a Will they find that it is a positive step that gives them great peace of mind. They are reassured that their affairs are in order.

If you die without a Will you die "intestate" meaning the intestacy laws set out which of your family members inherit and the amount. Your spouse will not necessarily inherit all of your estate and if you are unmarried your Partner will not inherit anything.

A legally valid Will, carefully prepared by a qualified expert Solicitor, will ensure that:

- you provide for your loved ones in the way you wish;
- you choose the Executors who will administer your estate;
- you choose the Guardians for your minor children; and
- you can take steps to reduce the Inheritance Tax payable.

You can also choose to appoint Lodge Brothers Legal Services as the Executors of your Will. We will ensure that your estate is dealt with promptly and efficiently so that your loved ones do not have the responsibility but do receive their inheritance as quickly as possible.

Fixed fees from £275 +vat (£330 inc. vat).

Our professional legal services offer peace of mind to you and your family.

