

## Other useful information about legacies

### Contacting a Solicitor

We are not able to recommend a solicitor to you, instead we encourage you to research solicitors in your local area and to check whether they are a regulated law firm; this can be done online through the Solicitors Regulatory Authority [www.sra.org.uk](http://www.sra.org.uk) for free. You can also ask family and friends for their recommendations.

The following are just some of the solicitors local to The Elizabeth Foundation's Family Centre in Hampshire, shown in alphabetical order.

Andrew & Andrew Solicitors Ltd	023 9267 5555	<a href="http://www.a2solicitors.co.uk">www.a2solicitors.co.uk</a>
Biscoes LLP	023 9251 2030	<a href="http://www.biscoes-law.co.uk">www.biscoes-law.co.uk</a>
Blake Morgan LLP	023 9222 1122	<a href="http://www.blakemorgan.co.uk">www.blakemorgan.co.uk</a>
Bramsdon & Childs Solicitors	023 9282 1251	<a href="http://www.bramsdonandchilds.com">www.bramsdonandchilds.com</a>
Brutton and Co	013 2923 6171	<a href="http://www.brutton.co.uk">www.brutton.co.uk</a>
Churchers Solicitors	013 2982 2333	<a href="http://www.churchers.co.uk">www.churchers.co.uk</a>
Coffin Mew LLP	023 9238 8021	<a href="http://www.coffinmew.co.uk">www.coffinmew.co.uk</a>
Glanvilles Legal Services	013 2928 2841	<a href="http://www.glanvilles.co.uk">www.glanvilles.co.uk</a>
Hudsons Solicitors	013 2923 2112	<a href="http://www.hudsonlaw.co.uk">www.hudsonlaw.co.uk</a>
Jasper Vincent Solicitors	014 8988 5788	<a href="http://www.jaspervincent.com">www.jaspervincent.com</a>
Large & Gibson Solicitors	023 9229 6296	<a href="http://www.qualitysolicitors.com/largeandgibson">www.qualitysolicitors.com/largeandgibson</a>
Owen Kenny Solicitors	012 4379 0532	<a href="http://www.owenkenny.com">www.owenkenny.com</a>
RJR Solicitors	019 8356 2201	<a href="http://www.rjr.co.uk">www.rjr.co.uk</a>
Rutherford Solicitors	023 9273 5700	<a href="http://www.rutherfordsolicitors.co.uk">www.rutherfordsolicitors.co.uk</a>
Saulet Townsend	023 9281 9442	<a href="http://www.saulet.co.uk">www.saulet.co.uk</a>
Stokes Solicitors LLP	023 9282 8131	<a href="http://www.stokes-law.co.uk">www.stokes-law.co.uk</a>
Verisona Law	023 9298 1000	<a href="http://www.verisonalaw.com">www.verisonalaw.com</a>
Warner Goodman LLP	013 2928 8121	<a href="http://www.warnergoodman.co.uk">www.warnergoodman.co.uk</a>

### Glossary of Terms

When it comes to Will writing, you might come across some terms that you haven't heard before. Here are explanations for some of the most common terms used in Will writing.

**Beneficiary:** A person, or an organisation, to whom you leave something in your Will.

**Bequest:** A term for a gift that you leave to a person or organisation in your will. There are several different types of bequest, but the main ones are:

- **Residuary Estate;** a residuary estate is everything that is left in your estate (see glossary definition) after all the assets have been encashed and all the liabilities have been paid off. It is effectively what is left over.
- **Residuary Bequest:** A gift made of what is left of your estate after all other gifts have been handed out and debts paid off. To do this you may leave either the total of the residue or a percentage.

- **Pecuniary Bequest:** A gift made of a fixed sum of money. Unfortunately, the effect of inflation means that the value of a pecuniary gift will decrease over time as the cost of living rises.
- **Specific Bequest:** A particular named item left as a gift in your Will. For example, a piece of jewellery, furniture or a painting. These will be sold at the best possible price, with all funds raised supporting our costs.

**Codicil:** A codicil is a document used to change a Will that has already been made. You can find more information about codicils in how to leave a gift to charity in your Will.

**Estate:** Your estate is the total sum of your personal possessions, property and money minus any liabilities.

**Executor(s):** The person or people that you appoint to ensure your final wishes are carried out. These can be professionals, friends, family members or institutions such as banks and some charities.

**Guardian:** Someone who is responsible for children until they become 18.

**Inheritance Tax:** Inheritance Tax is a tax on the estate (the property, money and possessions) of someone who has died. There can be no Inheritance Tax or a reduced rate of tax to pay if either:

- the value of your estate is below the Inheritance Tax threshold, or
- you leave everything above the Inheritance Tax threshold to your spouse, civil partner, a charity or a community amateur sports club.

For guidance on Inheritance Tax please take a look at guidance from HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) at [www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax](http://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax)

**Intestate / Intestacy:** The term used to describe the situation when someone dies without a Will.

**Legacy:** Another word for a gift or bequest left in your Will.

**Probate:** When somebody dies leaving a Will, their executors will usually need to apply for a Grant of Probate. Once this is obtained, the executors can deal with the wishes expressed in the Will and distribute the gifts that have been left.

**Residue:** This is what is left of your estate after any outstanding debts, taxes, pecuniary and specific bequests have been distributed to beneficiaries.

**Testator:** The name given to a person who has made a Will.

**Trustee(s):** One or more people who manage a trust.

## For more information

For more information about leaving a legacy to The Elizabeth Foundation, please contact us or visit our website legacy page [www.elizabeth-foundation.org/help/legacies](http://www.elizabeth-foundation.org/help/legacies)

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