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A woman with long, curly hair, wearing a white button-down shirt and tan pants, is walking hand-in-hand with a young boy. The boy is wearing a plaid jacket over a white t-shirt and red pants. They are walking on a cobblestone path in a sunlit, rustic village setting with stone buildings and a tiled roof in the background. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

# Wills, probate & estate administration

PRECISE. PROVEN. PERFORMANCE.

# Wills, probate & estate administration

Ensuring the people you care for are provided for in the future is important to all of us – and our Wills, Probate & Estate Administration service gives you the confidence that this has been achieved.

Our complete and succinct service covers everything from advising on inheritance tax planning, to writing your will, through to administering your estate.

## Wills

A will is likely to be the most important document you make in your lifetime. Our experts will ensure your family and loved ones are supported and provided for after you are gone.

As well as drawing up a concise, legal document, we advise how best to ensure your loved ones, especially children, inherit your estate in both a timely and tax-efficient manner through use of inheritance tax planning.

If you do not make a will, under the Intestacy Rules your estate could pass to people you never intended to benefit. Unfortunately, many 'DIY' wills fail after death due to an error in the drafting or the will not being witnessed correctly. This means the will becomes ineffective and you risk your estate passing under the Intestacy Rules.

Even if you already have a will it is important to carry out regular reviews, especially if there has been a change in your personal or financial circumstances.

## Probate & estate administration

We provide expert support and guidance to you and your loved ones throughout every step of the probate process. Our specialist tax knowledge and legal expertise enable us to handle the probate process in a compassionate, sensitive and efficient manner. Our team is on hand to help you every step of the way, including:



locating the will;



if there is no will, assist in determining the beneficiaries under the Intestacy Rules;



establishing the value of assets in the estate;



completing relevant Inheritance Tax forms and preparing the Oath for swearing;



making the application to the Probate Registry for the Grant of Representation;



collecting all assets, paying liabilities and preparing estate accounts;



distributing the estate to the correct beneficiaries



### **Lasting power of attorney**

Making a lasting power of attorney allows you to decide who you would want to act on your behalf should you no longer be able to manage your own financial affairs or make decisions on your health or welfare. We advise and draft on both property and financial affairs, and health and welfare lasting powers of attorney.

Alternatively you may be concerned a loved one has already lost capacity without appointing anyone to act on their behalf. Here we offer advice and support on making an application to the Court of Protection for a Deputyship Order. A Deputy acts in a similar way to an attorney by acting in the best interests of the incapacitated person and making decisions on their behalf.



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## About Moore Stephens

We help you thrive in a changing world.

We provide all the support and guidance you need to deal with new risks and opportunities.

We ensure easy access to the right people, so decisions can be made quickly and confidently.

A consistent team will partner with you to support your aspirations and contribute to your success.

You'll have access to a range of core services, including audit, accounting, tax, risk and systems assurance, corporate finance,

restructuring and insolvency, wealth

management and disputes analysis. As a

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and entrepreneurs, large organisations and complex international businesses.

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By combining local expertise and experience with the breadth of our UK and worldwide networks, clients can be confident that, whatever their requirement, Moore Stephens provides the right solution to their local, national and international needs.

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Jessica is a private client solicitor who joined Moore Stephens in Enfield from a specialist law firm in the City of London.

She has significant experience in will drafting, probate, estate administration and elderly client services. She also advises clients on estate planning opportunities and acts as a deputy for incapacitated clients. She enjoys meeting clients and helping to make a difficult time as stress free as possible.

She is happy to see clients at either the Enfield or Stevenage office or to visit them at their home in the surrounding areas.

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