

LHP Law go live with Will Register

Certainty.co.uk, the UK's first 'on-line registry for Wills' has launched in Bristol & Bath with LHP Law LLP as Founder Member. "After almost 20 years' lobbying for a register of this nature, the register enables rapid registration of a Will and the ability to search for lost or missing Wills", says Dayton Little CTA TEP Head of Wills and Probate at LHP Law LLP Bath.

"Our membership of Certainty also extends to provide a regional listing for the Redditch Office allowing information on Wills, and enquiries from the public, in the Midlands Area to be accessed directly through Chris Oakley on the details shown below in the same way as in the Bath Region"

In a recent public survey commissioned by Certainty, 67% of people surveyed were unaware of the location of their parents' Will. Certainty.co.uk has launched with a unique offer whereby 12.8 million free of charge Will registrations are available to the general public to be used in association with solicitors. LHP Law is naturally participating in this launch and offering free registration to any of their clients who have made their Wills prior to 1st July this year.

If you're one of the 67% of people who doesn't know where your own or your parents' Will might be, then you may one day be glad of this Will register which can easily locate a Will when needed. Over time circumstances change, you might move house or enter a new relationship and keeping your Will safe may be the last thing on your mind. Now your solicitor can register your Will with Certainty.co.uk and this will allow your family to locate your Will when you pass on and ensure that your last wishes are respected.

Certainty's Chairman, Kevin Martin and Law Society President 2005/06, holds the firm belief that Certainty provides a definitive solution supported by technological investment and consultations with key legal figures. Kevin, who is spearheading the initiative says, "We believe Certainty is the first organisation to actually provide a compliant solution to the chronic problem of Will registration."

What happens if you don't register?

If your Will is not found or worse still, if you haven't made one, then your loved ones may

not receive the inheritance that you would wish but would get the proportions laid down by law, and of course family disputes can occur. So for your own peace of mind, the best advice is to make or review your Will with your solicitor and ask them to register it with Certainty. The recent explosion of unregulated Will writers, online and home do-it-yourself Will packs is confusing and these Wills cannot be registered, only those prepared by a solicitor.

Dayton Little, LHP Law LLP, says: “Everyone who cares what happens to their assets after they die should make a Will and review it regularly especially when they experience a major life change such as marriage, having children or moving house. Having your Will registered is one of the most important things you can do for your loved ones – our clients will now have peace of mind that their loved ones can easily locate their Will when the time comes.”

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LHP Law LLP are solicitors with offices in Bath, Bristol, Redditch, Birmingham and London through which they provide the full range of legal services for both private and corporate clients.

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The Wills, Probate and Estate Planning department at LHP Law works closely with the Residential Conveyancing department and independent financial advisors to provide clients with a comprehensive wills, probate and estate management service.