

About Us

Founded by Oonagh Alen-Buckley in 1983, Alen-Buckley LLP is a modern law firm with offices in Wandsworth and Belgravia. Our experienced lawyers pride themselves on delivering practical, easily understood and commercially considered advice with openness and efficiency.

We have a team of ten lawyers, and provide a range of legal services catering for individuals, companies, lenders and investors. We also act for and advise high profile and high net worth individuals.



Delivering the highest quality legal advice

- Wills & Estate Planning
- Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Administration of Estates

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Wills, Estate Planning and Probate

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Wills and Estate Planning

If you do not have a Will in place your estate will be governed by the rules of intestacy, which could mean that your assets will not be passed onto the people you would choose, and your beneficiaries may end up paying more inheritance tax than necessary.

We provide a comprehensive service advising on all aspects of estate planning including:

- advice on how to mitigate inheritance tax using both lifetime planning and Wills; and
- bespoke Will drafting, tailored to suit your personal circumstances to ensure that your Will is clear and tax efficient, including advice on foreign assets and domicile issues.

Lasting Powers of Attorney

Have you ever wondered what would happen to your affairs if you lost mental capacity either through accident, illness or old age? Who would manage your affairs, pay the bills and decide on your healthcare?

In order to give your loved ones the authority to manage your financial and health affairs, you will need a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) in place. LPAs came into force in October 2007, replacing Enduring Powers of Attorney. LPAs can take some weeks to register and cannot be used until they are registered, and we therefore strongly advise clients to consider completing LPAs at the time of preparing their Wills.

So what do you do if a loved one has suddenly lost mental capacity and does not have a valid LPA in place?

In this instance an application must be made to the Court of Protection for a deputy to be appointed to manage the finances. Following the introduction of the Mental Capacity Act in 2007, the new application procedures are much more involved. It is important to instruct a solicitor familiar with these procedures to minimise costs and delay. We have a wealth of experience in this area and would be happy to help.



Probate

Our estate administration services include administration of estates and trusts, advising on valuation issues, claiming business, agricultural and heritage property relief from inheritance tax, preparing inheritance tax returns, obtaining grants of probate and preparing estate accounts. We can also advise on inheritance tax planning post death, including the use of deeds of variation.

We also deal with cross-border succession issues, including obtaining grants for UK assets held by persons resident and domiciled abroad, re-sealing English grants overseas and obtaining foreign equivalents of English grants.

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