



## Hi Howard,

Dependant support claims for those who were married, those who shared a primary residence and those who just maintained a long-term relationship is only one concern upon separation. Since the changes made in 2022 to the Succession law Reform Act, the way your existing wills are treated has been significantly altered, which could have a major impact on your future financial security.

It's important to consider your Will immediately before and after separation, and it's even more crucial now with the changes that have taken effect in 2022. Firstly, your former spouse cannot be your executor upon separation, and you may not have provided for an alternate executor in your Will or if so, one you would wish to have today. Secondly, if you pass away without a Will after separation, your former spouse will not be entitled to share in your Estate, unless it's covered by your separation agreement. Lastly, your Will is no longer revoked by a subsequent marriage, which could have disastrous consequences, notwithstanding that any bequest made to a former spouse in a prior will is void upon separation.

I can provide you, a loved one or friend with the guidance and support you need to navigate this complex area of Will and Estate Planning while your Family Law Team, which I can provide, guides you through your Separation.

I am committed to helping you achieve a fair and just outcome, while minimizing stress and conflict of your Separation. Contact me today to learn more about your options and how I can assist you in making the correct changes to your Estate Planning as a result of your Separation. Let's work together to ensure that your future is secure and protected.

I invite you to **set up a Zoom** appointment with me to discuss your Estate Planning and drawing your Will and Powers of Attorney, prior to your Separation or immediately thereafter and certainly before a subsequent relationship or marriage.

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