

# Signing your Last Will & Testament

## INFORMATION FACT SHEET

A last will and testament is a legal document that communicates a person's final wishes pertaining to assets and dependents.

To ensure that your last will and testament is valid, it is important to sign the document in accordance with the Wills Act 1970 (WA).

Please see the instructions over the page.

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# To sign your Last Will & Testament:

## Step One -

- Consider the Will carefully to ensure that it reflects your wishes accurately and approve of its contents.
- Do not make any alterations to the Will. If the document contains any errors or does not accurately reflect your wishes, please contact Granich Partners.

## Step Two -

- Organise for two (2) people to witness your signature to be present.
- The witnesses must be 18 years of age or older and independent (that is, they must not be your appointed executor or a beneficiary under the Will).
- It is important that both witnesses are present at the same time and are competent (in the event that they are required to give evidence before the Court).

## Step Three -

- The person making the Will ("the testator") must sign, using their normal signature, at the bottom of each page of the document and on the last page of the Will.
- The testator should insert the date on which they signed at the top of the last page of the Will.
- The two (2) adult, independent witnesses should then sign at the bottom of each page and on the last page, sign and then print their full names, addresses and occupations in the spaces provided.

## Note:

- The testator and the two (2) witnesses should use the same pen (black OR blue ink) to sign the Will.
- There can only be one (1) original signed copy of the Will. A photocopy can be taken.
- No marks should be made to the original Will nor any documents affixed or attached thereto.
- There are a number of options for the safekeeping of the Will, including a safe deposit box with your bank or with the Public Trustee.