

# Wills, Estates & Trusts

Capability Statement

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# Wills, Estates & Trusts Capability

Our experienced team sensitively and methodically takes the time to get to know you and your circumstances.

We understand that Estate planning, making a Will, and preparing a Trust is both a personal and considered process.

Estate planning documents should be treated as “living documents” that evolve in conjunction with key life events. Examples of when a review and update is warranted include starting a family, commencing a business or changes in your financial or relationship status.

Estate and succession planning must be undertaken by experienced and technically proficient legal practitioners to ensure your arrangements are robust.

Whether it is planning your Estate or drafting your Will or Trust, we guide you through the process in a precise, assured manner.

With the rising complexity of personal circumstances (eg. separations, blended families, SMSF's), it is more important than ever to have legal arrangements that are tailored and fit for purpose.

## We ensure your legacy is protected

We apply extensive knowledge and experience to create an estate plan that reflects your wishes, values and is legally compliant and secure.

## We explore your options

We listen carefully to your objectives, explain options and help you to decide on the best structures to meet your unique personal circumstances.

## We apply our commercial expertise

We advise whether your assets and Estate would best be protected in a testamentary trust, superannuation proceeds trust or another legal structure.

## Expertise

### ADVISORY

#### Estate Planning

Wills: simple to complex

Asset protection

Succession planning

Blended family and inter-related family law issues

Powers of attorney – general and enduring

Advanced health directives

Statements of wishes

Binding nominations to superannuation funds and reversionary pension issues

### Trusts and Structuring

Testamentary trust and superannuation proceeds trust

Lost superannuation deeds and trust deed disputes

### Estate Administration

Small to complex estates including interstate and international jurisdictions

### Estate Litigation

Family provision applications

Will and enduring power of attorney validity

Rectification of wills

Trust disputes

Mediations

# Our Performance

Our Wills, Estates and Trusts team applies over 30 years' experience, providing our clients with the right advice for their individual needs and family circumstances.

Whether you are looking to plan your Estate, draft your Will, need specialised advice on asset protection, administer the Estate of a loved one, establish or challenge the validity of a Will, Hillhouse Legal Partners has the technical expertise to advise you in all estate related matters and achieve your desired outcomes.

*For the past seven years, we have turned to Hillhouse Legal Partners whenever we have needed any legal advice or assistance. This has included the preparation of our wills and enduring powers of attorney, conveyancing when we purchased our property and refinancing of our bank loan, just to name a few matters.*

*The promptness of the service provided by Zac, Rob and the team at Hillhouse have always been second to none, which has provided us with much-needed peace of mind during times of significantly heightened stress. Thanks Hillhouse!*

*David & Theresa Ryan*

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## Our Solutions

While we offer expert legal services in Wills, Estates & Trusts, Hillhouse can also provide strategic practical advice across all legal specialities:

### Corporate

- ◆ Corporate and Commercial
- ◆ Debt recovery, Insolvency and Restructuring
- ◆ Employment and Industrial Relations
- ◆ Intellectual property and Technology
- ◆ Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- ◆ Property and Projects

### Sectors

- ◆ Agribusiness
- ◆ Building and Construction
- ◆ Government
- ◆ Health and Medical
- ◆ Hotels, Accommodation and Resorts
- ◆ Mining, Energy and Resources
- ◆ Retirement and Aged Care
- ◆ Technology and Startups

### Private

We are trusted to provide a range of personal legal services for individuals and families, often across generations. We are able to assist you with the following personal legal services:

- ◆ Conveyancing
- ◆ Family law
- ◆ Wills, Estates and Trusts



# Why Hillhouse:

## Expert

Team capability with over 30 years' experience in Wills, Estate and Trust law, allowing us to set an effective and efficient pathway to meet your objectives

## Engaged

Client-centric partnership approach, with direct senior-level client liaison and frequent open communication about progress

## Commercial

Our commercial speciality and expertise enable us to advise you about: structuring, asset pools and your estate to meet your personal objectives and wishes

## Specialist services

Full range of Wills, Estates, and Trust law services to suit your circumstances

## Responsive

Ready to assist you to navigate the complex, sensitive and personal area of Wills, Estates, and Trusts

## Transparent

Working to agreed strategy with cost transparency, flexible fee options, all within budget

See how we can assist you with the most efficient and effective legal solution. Contact us at 07 3220 1144 or [email@hillhouse.com.au](mailto:email@hillhouse.com.au) for an obligation free consultation and appraisal. As your legal partners, Hillhouse provides a diverse range of legal services delivered in a flexible way.

We understand our clients need legal support to suit their varied routine and locations. We always engage as needed, whether that be a meeting at your location or ours, via phone, email or video conferencing.

To see how we can meet your varying and changing needs, please review our full service offer at [www.hillhouse.com.au](http://www.hillhouse.com.au).

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