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Pete
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Special Counsel
Private Advisory – Wills & Estates



To create enduring client relationships you must be trustworthy, reliable and easy to do business with. This philosophy has helped drive my career from the very beginning.



With over 13 years of experience assisting clients with a wide range of matters extending to property, elder law, civil litigation and crime, Pete found his niche in the areas of estates, asset protection, and commercial law.

Introduction

Dedicated to providing comprehensive legal counsel, Pete takes the time to thoroughly understand each client's family dynamics and business operations. This deep insight enables him to offer strategic, tailored advice and deliver the highest level of support.

When estate planning, Pete is passionate about:

- ensuring estate funds in 'bloodline wills' are distributed in accordance with the will-maker's intentions safeguarding inheritances for children and grandchildren, and preventing unintended flow to in-laws, new partners of in-laws or stepchildren;
- protecting estate funds from potential claims in family law proceedings; and
- implementing strategies to shield estate assets for beneficiaries in high-risk professions such as lawyers, doctors, engineers, and financial planners, reducing exposure to professional liability risks.

Expertise

- Preparation of wills and enduring powers of attorney
- Drafting complex estate planning documents containing numerous testamentary trusts, protective/disability trusts and a right to reside
- Updating trust deeds to nominate a backup appointor
- Updating constitutions to recognise the director's attorney if they pass or lose capacity
- Assisting executors and administrators of deceased estates to minimise personal liability
- Drafting various agreements including granny flat/deed of family arrangement, shareholders/ unitholders agreements, joint venture, service agreements and intellectual property agreements

Experience

Recent transactions of note include:

- acting assisting some of Australia's most wealthy clients with their estate planning needs;
- representing clients in an application to the Court requesting a statutory trustee be appointed, and the jointly held properties sold in accordance with section 38 of the Property Law Act 1974 (Qld);
- representing and advising statutory trustees when they have been appointed by the Court to sell jointly held properties;
- negotiating an outcome where a number of suicide notes listed numerous executors and beneficiaries; and
- successfully applying for and obtaining a grant on a copy of a will due a lost original.

Qualifications

- Practicing law since 2011
- Solicitor – Supreme Court of Queensland
- Bachelor of Laws, Griffith University
- Bachelor of Psychological Science, Griffith University
- Masters in Wills & Estates, College of Law

Memberships

- Queensland Law Society



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