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WILL AND ESTATE PLANNING – IS IT CRITICAL?

Do it for love... Because you care!

Creating a Will is setting out the distribution of your assets to your designated beneficiaries. At certain critical stages of your life, a current Will may also need to be revisited.

Consider legal obligations to a business partner, spouse, former spouse or children in order to avoid potential court challenges in the event of death or incapacity.

Carefully determine who you appoint as Trustee or Attorney. Also appoint alternate persons in the event the primary individuals are unable or unwilling to perform their duties.

Sometimes an outside person may be advisable as a Trustee or Attorney. A trusted, knowledgeable friend or a professional can be appointed.

Although, it is easy to delay these important matters, one needs to be mindful of unexpected ill health. Loss of memory or accident may impact one's ability to provide instructions.

Openly discuss your family situation with your lawyer -- ensuring your Estate Plan is reflective of your wishes, avoiding potential future family rifts or court challenges.

Don't leave "surprises" for your loved ones -- ensure your Estate is well planned. You will feel a sense of peace knowing your estate is in order.

Families want to remember their loved ones for all the love and the good memories shared.

That is the legacy of a lifetime!

Maria Mendes has practiced Wills & Estates, Family Law and Real Estate for over 25 years. Maria has Chaired various Boards including London Police Board, Fanshawe College, London Housing Authority and City of London Committee of Adjustment. Maria is dedicated to the best interests of her clients – encouraging non-adversarial processes of resolving disputes whenever appropriate.

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