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## Why a Last Will and Testament is Important

A Last Will and Testament can help you to protect your family and your property. A Will allows you to:

- 1. Choose who you leave your property to, whether people or organizations;
- 2. Name a personal guardian to care for your minor children;
- 3. Name a trusted person to manage property you leave to minor children; and,
- 4. Name an executor, the person who makes sure that the terms of your Will are carried out.

In Georgia, if you die without a will, your property will be distributed according to state intestacy laws, meaning that your property goes to your closest relatives beginning with your spouse and children. If you have neither, your parents will get your property. The list continues with increasingly distant relatives, to include siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and your spouses' relatives. If the court exhausts the list to find that you have no living relatives by blood or marriage, the state will take your property.

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  Your children's name(s) (natural, adopted and/or step-children)
  Your grandchildren, if any, that you desire to include in your will
  The full name and address of the person(s) you desire to serve as your Executor
  Specific bequests, if any
- ✓ Name and address of legal guardian of your minor children, if any
- ✓ Parties to inherit the remaining property after any specific bequests

Please take a few moments to complete and submit the necessary information so that we may assist you in protecting your most valuable assets, your family and property. Please send the completed form to <a href="https://www.ukitorneys.com">white@wcwattorneys.com</a> or via fax 770-382-1210.

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√	Misc. notes/comments for attorney: