

# MAKING A WILL IN NORTHERN CYPRUS

## THE ANSWERS YOU ARE LOOKING FOR

### Is it necessary?

No, but if you own a property in Northern Cyprus, making a separate Will is highly recommended to ensure that your estate is distributed as you wish and to avoid disputes and/or any complications with authorities.

### What if I die intestate?

Your estate will be divided between your heirs, normally 1/6 to surviving spouse and remaining 5/6 between your legitimate children. If you are not married, but you are living with a partner as husband and wife, in the event of intestacy, the surviving partner is not entitled to your estate.

### What does your estate comprise of?

- i) Immovable property (whether you have title deed in your name or not)
- ii) Vehicles
- iii) Bank account(s) in your name only
- iv) Company shares
- v) Jewellery or other valuable/sentimental possessions

### What do I need to consider?

If you and your spouse/partner should die together, how would you like your estate to be shared? Please note that you will prepared in TRNC should only cover your assets in Northern Cyprus

### What information do I need to provide?

- i) Full name and current addresses for all beneficiaries
- ii) Copy of the title deed if property purchased or owned
- iii) Names of banks where sole account(s) held
- iv) Copies of vehicle log book

### Anything else to consider?

Appointment of Executor(s) – bear in mind the logistics and potential language difficulties. The person appointed should be a TRNC resident and it is highly likely they will need assistance from a lawyer.

Unless your family members share your love of the TRNC you may wish to stipulate that the Executor(s) of your Will should sell your immovable property and distribute the proceeds accordingly.

TRNC residents are advised to register their Will with the Probate Registry of the District Court.

The Probate Registrar checks the Will to ensure that all formalities have been complied with. This reduces the risk of anyone contesting the Will in the future.

**If you would like further information an appointment can be arranged for private consultation. Please contact us on +90 533 868 0550 or email [info@erginellaw.com](mailto:info@erginellaw.com).**