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became a Notary Public in 1998, opening her own practice in 2007. She has prepared numerous wills and enjoys helping clients complete their estate planning with ease, giving them peace of mind.

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# Vienna Kappell

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# Megan Chong

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## What to Consider for Typical Reciprocal Wills for Spouses

- Executor(s)/Trustee(s) if both spouses have passed away;
- Guardian(s) for minor children if both parents have passed away;
- Beneficiary(ies) if both spouses and the children have passed away ("common disaster").

## How to Prepare for Your First Appointment

1. Know the full legal names of children, parents and siblings (those in your family tree)
2. Know your assets
  - Create a list of your assets
  - Whose name are the assets held in?
  - Are there any stated beneficiaries for life insurance? RRSPs? RIFs? Etc.?
  - Do you own any property? We will do a title search! Bring your property address.
3. Bring copies of your previous Will or Power of Attorney
4. Bring a list of beneficiaries.
  - Are you donating to charity? Please have their full legal name, address and charitable registration #
5. Bring your Identification. 2 pieces of ID are required.
6. We will ask for payment of half of the fees. We take debit, cash, & Visa/Mastercard.

If more or extra information is needed, it can be provided by email or at your 2nd appointment.

## The 5 "W's" and the "How" of making a Will

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**WHO – You!** Everyone needs a Will even if your estate is small. While most of us hope to live a long time, bad things can happen at an early age so the young, old, and everyone in between should have a valid Will.

**WHAT – Your Last Will & Testament – your final say.** A Will is a statement of your wishes after death including who will handle your estate (the Executor), who will inherit your estate (the beneficiaries) and who will look after your minor children (the Guardian). Unless a Will is made stating your wishes, the government will make these vital decisions for you.

**WHERE – At Notaries on Douglas!** Yes, a BC Notary can give legal advice and prepare your Will for you. In most cases you do not need to consult a lawyer.\*

**WHEN – Now!** Hopefully your Will won't be needed for a long time but now is the time to stop putting it off and have your Will done. A Will is somewhat of a moving target and can be changed at any time, usually at a reduced cost. In some cases only one Will is all that will be necessary during your lifetime.

**WHY – Choice, peace of mind, fewer problems, less stress and cost for your family and less cost to administer your estate.** Without a Will the Government dictates who gets your estate and who cares for your children. This is your only valid way of stating what your wishes are upon your death.

**HOW – Two appointments are necessary for having your Will done at Notaries on Douglas.** The first appointment is an interview with the Notary to gather information and take instructions. The second is to come back to read/review your Will and to sign it. We provide the witnesses and can make as many copies as you would like.



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**\*Note\*** There is no such thing as a "simple" will. We require exact, detailed information to ensure that your wills are properly drawn and that no information is omitted. This includes information relating to your assets and full disclosure about children. We do provide witnesses, copies and the filing of a wills notice.

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\*There are some circumstances where you may need a lawyer to prepare your will. This includes a more specialized trust will holding an estate in trust for a beneficiary past age 19 (ie. children or adults who would not be capable of handling an inheritance at age 19). It also depends on the complexity of the estate and your assets.

**ASK US FOR A LAWYER REFERRAL**

## 2024 PRICE LIST

STARTING AT*:	FOR ONE	FOR TWO
Last Will & Testament	\$450.00	\$750.00
Power of Attorney	\$400.00	\$500.00
Representation Agreement	\$350.00	\$400.00

### PACKAGES, STARTING AT:

Will & POA (save \$100)	\$750.00	\$1,150.00
Will, POA, & Rep Agmnt (save \$200)	\$1,000.00	\$1,450.00

\*Prices dependent upon the complexity of your estate and your wishes. The quoted price for Powers of Attorney and Representation Agreements is for the appointment of one attorney/representative. Additional attorneys and representatives can be added for additional fees (starts at \$100.00) The final cost will be confirmed at the first appointment.

Note that half of the fees (plus taxes and transactional insurance fee) will be due and payable at the 1st appointment. The balance will be due and payable upon signing at the 2nd appointment.

\*\*forms of accepted payment are cash, debit, & Visa/Mastercard

\*\*\*these prices do not include taxes, the filing of a wills notice (18.50), land title searches (\$11.91) and a Transactional Insurance fee (\$21.00)

\*\*\*\*these prices are subject to change at any time

