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Welcome to the first edition of the new GMA newsletter. At last what seems like an eternity of winter, spring is finally in the air and signs of new beginnings are all around us. This first newsletter marks new beginnings for GMA too. No doubt, many of you will have seen our new window and of course, there was the appointment of our two new partners Mr Andrew Holmes and Ceri Hulmes.



Andrew Holmes



Ceri Hulmes

Here at GMA we pride ourselves in providing a first class service to our clients. We have experts who can advise on:

- **Wills and Probate,**
- **Criminal Law,**
- **Family Law,**
- **Conveyancing – Domestic and Commercial,**
- **Personal Injury,**
- **Matrimonial Law**

Our Quarterly newsletters will highlight the legal issues of the moment and will be sent to all our clients. If you know of anyone else who would like to receive a copy of the newsletter please let us know. In this edition we will explain the importance of making a will, and look at the services provided by our family department.

The importance of making a Will

It is all too easy to put off making important decisions, and in particular making a Will. However, delay can have serious consequences.

We would urge you to make a will:-

- To ensure peace of mind and the certainty that your wishes will be carried out following your death.
- To ensure that your family benefits fully from your assets and estate.
- To ensure that on probate, your estate does not pay any more inheritance tax than is absolutely necessary.
- To avoid an intestacy. When you die without a Will, statutory guidelines come into effect to establish who benefits from your estate. This could result in relations with who you have had no contact with for many years benefiting from your estate at the expense of closer family members.
- Without your express wishes being set out in a valid Will, a house that is needed as a residence by a spouse, partner or loved one may have to be sold.
- Appoint executors in your Will who will be your personal representative and carry out your wishes following your death.
- Even if you have made a will, this could now be out of date and may no longer express your current wishes or your current family situation.

We make sure that all the legal formalities are complied with and offer practical and clear advice as to the options available and the best way forward for your particular circumstances. We are happy to visit you at your home if required. **Please do not leave it until it is too late call now on 01978 291322.**



Nightingale House Hospice

Hospis Tŷ'r Eos

We are currently working in conjunction with Nightingale House Hospice, Chester Road, Wrexham. If you make a Will with us before June 30th 2010, we will make a donation of £10 to Nightingale House. So as well as giving you peace of mind, you are helping a very worthy local charity that needs your support.

FAMILY DEPARTMENT

We provide clear, professional and friendly advice on all aspects of family law including:

- Divorce and associated finances
- Contact/Residence disputes
- Relationship breakdown and separation
- Separation agreements
- Co-habitation agreements
- Civil Partnership
- Care proceedings and Adoption
- Injunctions

Here at Geoffrey Morris and Ashton we recognise that dealing with any family issues can be both emotional and stressful. Our dedicated team are here to help. We aim to complete the proceedings as quickly as possible with the minimum amount of stress. We are members of Resolution which is a national organisation of Family lawyers aiming to promote early and amicable settlements of family disputes. Our experienced lawyers will guide you every step of the way.

We are members of the Children's Panel and have extensive experience of care proceedings where Social Services are involved. We can also provide advice in relation to adoption.

Geoffrey Morris and Ashton have a contract with the Legal Services commission to provide advice and assistance under the Legal Aid Scheme to those financially eligible. The availability of Legal Aid will be discussed at the initial appointment. Where Legal Aid is not available we will be happy to provide an estimate of our costs when we have discussed your needs with you

For an appointment or an informal chat call our Mrs Ceri Hulmes on 01978 291322 or e-mail on ceri.hulmes@wrexhamsolicitors.co.uk (Wrexham Office) or 01352 754711 for the Mold Office, or by completing the online enquiry form.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter we hope you found the contents interesting and informative. For further advice on any of the issues raised or any legal issue please contact our office on 01978 291322 or you can find us at 39 King Street, Wrexham or visit our website at www.wrexhamsolicitors.co.uk. You can also contact the Mold office on 01352 754711.