

Private client

Wills, probate & estate planning

Get a will that does what you intend, an estate that passes with the least tax, and a family that isn't left guessing. Published fees, quoted up front, in plain English.



Because we are a commercial firm first, business owners get a joined-up answer.

We write wills, administer estates and plan for inheritance tax for individuals, families and business owners across England and Wales. Our fees are published and quoted before we start: fixed for wills, powers of attorney and probate up to the grant; after the grant, our hourly rates and/or 1.5% of the estate's value, agreed with you first.

The work usually starts with one of three things: a will that holds up, a lasting power of attorney so someone can act for them if they lose capacity, or help dealing with an estate after a death. We also handle the harder cases — inheritance tax planning, trusts, and business succession where shares need to move cleanly between owners.

The cross-option agreement that funds your business succession sits next to your shareholders' agreement and your will, not in three separate silos. Clear advice, start to finish.

Who we act for

Individuals, couples and families

Business owners and company directors

Executors dealing with an estate

High-net-worth individuals and entrepreneurs

International clients with assets in England and Wales

What to expect

01

Fees published and quoted before any work starts

02

Supervised signing, and your originals stored if you wish

03

Your will, shareholders' agreement and succession plan in one place

Matters we handle

Wills, single & mirror

A valid, clearly drafted will that says exactly who inherits and who runs your estate. Mirror wills for couples who want matching terms, with signing supervised so the formalities of the Wills Act 1837 are met.

Probate & estate administration

We obtain the grant of probate and deal with the full administration — collecting assets, settling debts and tax, and distributing to beneficiaries. Or just the grant application, if you'd rather do the rest yourself.

Lasting powers of attorney

Both types — property and financial affairs, and health and welfare — drafted and registered with the Office of the Public Guardian under the Mental Capacity Act 2005, so someone you trust can act if you can't.

Inheritance tax planning

Practical, lawful steps to reduce the 40% inheritance tax bill on your estate, using the nil-rate band, residence nil-rate band, lifetime gifts, exemptions and reliefs. We show you the numbers before you decide.

Trusts

Trusts to protect assets for children, vulnerable beneficiaries or a second-marriage family. We draft, advise on the tax treatment and explain the trustees' duties — no jargon, no trust you don't need.

Business succession

Cross-option agreements funded by life cover, drafted alongside your shareholders' agreement and your will so the three actually agree with each other — and your shares pass the way you want.

Services in this area

Wills & probate

A will that says what you mean and does what you want — and, when the time comes, an estate administered properly, with the tax right and the family informed.

- Wills
- Probate & administration
- Intestacy
- Inheritance tax
- Will trusts
- Cross-border estates

Estate planning & powers of attorney

Protect what you've built, decide who benefits, and make sure someone you trust can act if you can't — inheritance-tax planning, trusts and lasting powers of attorney, in plain English.

- Lasting powers of attorney
- Inheritance-tax planning
- Trusts
- Blended families
- Court of Protection
- Pensions & death benefits

Business succession

What happens to the business when an owner dies, falls ill or wants out — succession planning that joins up the shareholders' agreement, the will, the tax reliefs and the insurance.

- Cross-option agreements
- Shareholders' agreements & articles
- Wills for business owners
- Lifetime succession
- Family investment companies & trusts
- Key-person protection

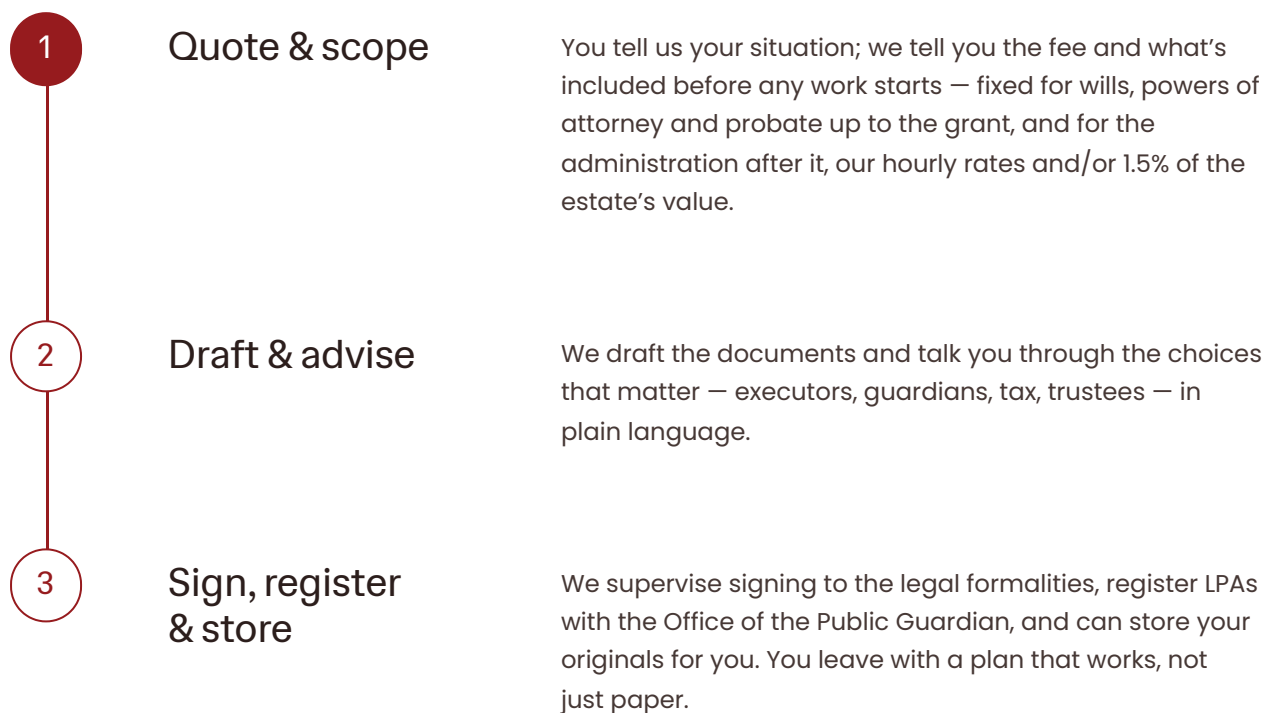
Immigration & visas

Help to determine the best route before you apply, and to give your application the best possible chance — with multi-lingual capability and partners on the ground around the world.

- Business, talent & expansion
- Worker visas & sponsor licences
- Family visas
- Short-term visas
- Settlement & naturalisation
- Review & checking service

Each service has its own page, with the questions clients ask most, at ai-law.co.uk/private-client.

A clear path, start to finish.



Good to know

Without a will

the intestacy rules decide who inherits, not you — and an unmarried partner gets nothing automatically.

Two witnesses

a will must be in writing, signed, and witnessed by two independent people present at the same time (Wills Act 1837, section 9).

Will and LPA

do opposite jobs: a will takes effect when you die; a lasting power of attorney while you are alive but unable to manage your affairs.

About three months

is typical for the Probate Registry to issue the grant once the application is made (12 weeks, GOV.UK); administering a simple estate usually takes about a year in all.

No surprises on the invoice.

Wills, powers of attorney and probate up to the grant are fixed fees, shown here including VAT; after the grant, the administration is charged at our hourly rates and/or 1.5% of the estate's value, agreed before we start.

Wills

UK will **From £360**
Depending on the estate and any trusts. incl. VAT (£300 plus VAT)

Spouse mirror wills **From £540**
For the pair. incl. VAT (£450 plus VAT)

Codicil **From £180**
incl. VAT (£150 plus VAT)

Will review **£102**
£50 less if you then instruct us on amendments. incl. VAT (£85 plus VAT)

Deed storage **£24**
incl. VAT (£20 plus VAT) per year

Powers of attorney

LPA – health and welfare **£840**
incl. VAT (£700 plus VAT)

LPA – property and finance **£840**
incl. VAT (£700 plus VAT)

LPA – combined **£1,440**
incl. VAT (£1,200 plus VAT)

Ordinary power of attorney **£300**
incl. VAT (£250 plus VAT)

Acting as certificate provider **£210**
incl. VAT (£175 plus VAT)

Probate

Up to obtaining a grant, estate below the nil-rate band **£1,800**
incl. VAT (£1,500 plus VAT)

Up to obtaining a grant, estate above the nil-rate band **£3,900**
incl. VAT (£3,250 plus VAT)

Estate administration after the grant **Hourly rate and/or 1.5% of the estate**
Agreed before we start. In our published examples, from about £2,000 to about £35,000 plus VAT.

Our fees are shown including VAT at 20%; third-party disbursements are extra, such as the Probate Registry application fee (£526 for an estate over £5,000, no VAT).

Our published fees, with the stages, timescales and disbursements for each, are at ai-law.co.uk/pricing. We always agree your fee with you in writing first.

Relationships that last.

“ Having previously used multiple solicitors across various matters, once we approached Ai Law we quickly established that they were experts in most areas of law. We subsequently gave the firm all of our business exclusively, and we haven't looked back.

Ai Law client

Ai Law are a professional service provider that really knows what they are doing. They are an asset to our business.

Ai Law client

These guys are constantly delivering their services. Donna is always on the top of all things and her team is very efficient. I have used their services before and again, they have not disappointed. I am certain I will use these guys again.

Lukasz, ReviewSolicitors, January 2026

Recognition



Legal Team of the Year 2025 (joint winner)

Sunday Express Construction and Property Awards — in Property and Construction

Royal Television Society Awards North West

Sponsor, 2024 and 2025

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