

## The Society of Will Writers Guarantee

Every full member of the Society of Will Writers pays into a fund upon application to the Society for the benefit of their future clients and consumer protection.

The Society of Will Writers guarantee that in the event of serious or critical illness; death or bankruptcy that any client has paid for work will have their contract fulfilled\*.

This is part of what makes members of the Society 'safe to do business with'.



### **\*Terms and Conditions**

- The guarantee is limited to Wills and associated services or lasting powers of attorney only.
- It does not apply to lifetime settlements also known as lifetime trusts.
- Probate services are specifically excluded from the guarantee.
- A member who through illness is unable to complete a contract to supply Wills or Power of Attorneys is to advise The Society of Will Writers immediately.
- A member who dies without fulfilling any outstanding and paid for contracts, their executors should advise The Society of Will Writers as soon as possible. The Society of Will Writers at its discretion may make a claim on the members estate for any costs incurred in fulfilling the contract
- A member who is in financial difficulty for any reason which may result in a voluntary arrangement or bankruptcy should notify The Society of Will Writers as soon as possible. Where the member has taken fees in advance and is unable to complete the contract, The Society of Will Writers may at its absolute discretion assist. The Society of Will Writers may register as a creditor for any costs incurred.



## Professional Indemnity Insurance - Your Guarantee

All our members are required to carry Professional Indemnity Insurance.

This year we are pleased to announce that the Society plan for our members will continue to be underwritten by the UK's leading insurance company Hiscox who have been providing cover for over 100 years. Any given policy is only valid for one calendar year.

As soon as you have decided to make your Will – and the sooner the better! – you may prefer to discuss your personal affairs in the comfort and privacy of your own home. There are many Will Writing services advertised, but it is vital to choose one that is competent, professional and has the appropriate expertise and experience. All members of The Society of Will Writers go through a stringent vetting procedure and continuing training to ensure that they are suitable persons to properly write your Will. Anyone can call themselves a Will Writer – you can even 'do it yourself' with forms available from both high street and online retailers. But only a properly trained professional can ensure that your Will is correctly drafted. Home-made or badly drafted Wills can be just as bad (or even worse) than having no Will at all.

Don't be afraid to ask the Will Writer if he or she is a member of the Society. they will have an ID card and most likely a business card, here you will see one of the sets of Designatory Letters awarded by the Society: Cmpn.SWW, FSWW, ASWW, MSWW and Affiliated Membership (Aff.SWW). All are a demonstration to the public our standing in education and training. If your Will Writer cannot show this, think again. Why risk your entire estate to be dealt with under a Will drawn up by anyone other than a trained professional?

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