

Ask us for professional advice on:



FAMILY LAW

- Marriage
- Divorce
- Prenuptial agreements
- De Facto Relationships
- Children's issues
- Property disputes



PERSONAL INJURY

- Motor vehicle accidents
- Slip and fall accidents
- Dog bites and attacks



**PROPERTY AND
BUSINESS MATTERS**

- Renting / leasing
- Buying / selling a business or property
- Franchises
- Contracts
- Company incorporations
- Partnerships
- Trusts
- Mortgages and securities



WILLS

DECEASED ESTATES

**POWER OF ATTORNEY &
ADVANCE CARE DIRECTIVE**

LITIGATION

NOTARY

MEDIATION & COLLABORATIVE LAW

Why choose Belperio Clark?



EXPERIENCED AND PROFESSIONAL

We have a team of lawyers and paralegals with expertise in most areas of law. You will have the benefit of more than 60 years of legal experience within our firm.

All our lawyers are members of the Law Society of South Australia and are committed to the highest professional standards. Our Collaborative Lawyers are members of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals.



OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

- We genuinely care about finding the best solution for your problem.
- We provide a confidential, friendly environment for you to discuss your issues.
- We will keep you constantly informed of developments as they arise.
- We will provide rational, well thought out advice which you can understand and act upon.
- We are committed to professional development for all our staff.



COST EFFECTIVE ADVICE

- Our approach to client service is designed to optimise efficiency and cost effectiveness.
- We suggest options to help maximise the result and minimise the impact on your - our client.



SPECIALTIES

We employ specialised teams who provide expertise in core areas of law including:

- Family law and de facto matters
- Wills and deceased estates
- Business law
- Personal injury
- Court disputes
- Mediation & Collaborative Law



CONVENIENT

- On street parking
- Close to public transport and tram line
- Away from the busy end of town
- After hours appointments when required
- Delayed payment options
- First interview Scheme

Power of Attorney & Advance Care Directive

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WHAT IS A POWER OF ATTORNEY?

Granting another person you 'Power of Attorney' means that you appoint that person to act on your behalf in legal and financial matters.

The person you appoint must consent to the appointment.

You can grant a Power of Attorney for a limited time, for example if you are travelling overseas and need someone to manage your affairs in your absence.

Alternatively, you can appoint a Power of Attorney until your death.

Taking the time to appoint another person as your Power of Attorney ensures that your affairs will be looked after by someone you know and trust.



A WILL

If you have a Will, it will only operate after your death. In addition to a Will you should also therefore consider granting Power of Attorney so that if you cannot manage your own affairs, you will have someone who can act for you.



THE RIGHT AGE

Many people think there is no need to consider appointing a Power of Attorney if they are young and healthy. There are many uncertainties in life and even young healthy people can suffer mental incapacity due to an accident or illness.



HEALTH & WELFARE

A Power of Attorney merely deals with financial and legal matters. It does not give anyone the right to make decisions about your health, medical treatment or personal welfare.

An advance Care Directive deals with health, medical treatment and personal welfare.

An Advance Care Directive can appoint another person or persons to make decisions about your medical treatment and also your personal welfare such as decisions about where you live and how you live.

An Advance Care Directive can nominate how you wish to be treated if you are in a vegetative state or in the final stages of a terminal illness and you are unable to make unimportant decisions.

Granting Power of Attorney while you are young and still healthy will ensure that you are able to choose the person who will conduct your affairs for you.



RISK OF NOT DOING IT

In the event that you become mentally incapacitated and can not manage your own affairs and you have not granted Power of Attorney to someone else, your family may need to apply to deal with the Guardianship Board or Public Trustee.

If this happens you have no control over who is appointed. The Guardianship Board may appoint the Public Trustee, a trustee company or an individual such as a family member or friend, an accountant or lawyer.

Most people would prefer to choose who is going to handle their affairs and make decisions for them, rather than having that choice exercised by the Guardianship Board.

LET US HELP

We can prepare the appropriate documents for your circumstances. We can assist you to make sensible decisions in relation to your choices of appointees.

We can advise you in relation to the storage and security issues with respect to the documents and we can even store them for you at no extra charge.