

PROTECT YOUR LEGACY BY REGISTERING A WILL IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

(ESTATE PLANNING AND SUCCESSION ADVISORY BY AZAD & AZAD LEGAL CONSULTANCY FZ LLE)

EMPOWERING YOU TO SECURE YOUR FAMILY'S FUTURE

In the United Arab Emirates (UAE), estate planning is a responsible and forward-looking step to ensure the smooth transition of your wealth and assets to your loved ones. The UAE provides well-established and efficient legal frameworks that allow non-muslim residents and expatriates to register their wills in a manner that aligns with their personal wishes and family needs.

At Azad & Azad Legal Consultancy, we assist individuals and families in preparing and registering Wills that are fully compliant with UAE laws, ensuring that your intentions are respected and your legacy is preserved for future generations.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HAVING A UAE WILL

Registering a Will in the UAE ensures that your locally held assets are managed and distributed in accordance with your clear instructions even if you have a home country Will registered. A UAE-registered Will brings clarity, comfort, and certainty—allowing your family to manage inheritance matters smoothly through recognized legal processes.

Whether you own property, maintain bank accounts, hold business shares, or have other investments such as insurance policies, vehicles, cryptocurrencies, paintings etc. in the UAE, a properly drafted Will guarantees that your wishes are honoured under the applicable local legal frameworks.

BY REGISTERING A WILL, YOU CAN:

- ◆ Protect your family's financial well-being
- ◆ Clearly define beneficiaries for your UAE assets—including real estate, bank accounts, company shares, vehicles, and other valuables.
- ◆ Appoint guardians for minor children
- ◆ Establish legal guardianship arrangements that ensure your children's security and well-being at all times.
- ◆ Ensure transparency and harmony
- ◆ Provide clarity to your loved ones and minimize the potential for misunderstandings or disputes.
- ◆ Benefit from a legally enforceable framework
- ◆ Register your will within the UAE's recognized systems to ensure seamless enforceability and full legal protection.

COMPREHENSIVE ASSET COVERAGE

An effective Will should encompass all movable and immovable assets. At Azad & Azad, we adopt a comprehensive drafting approach, ensuring your Will remains valid and automatically extends to any new assets you may acquire in the future, avoiding the need for frequent amendments.

TYPES OF WILLS RECOGNIZED IN THE UAE

1. Abu Dhabi Judicial Department (ADJD) Wills

Eligibility: Available to all Non-Muslim residents and Non-Emirati Muslim expatriates.

Scope: Covers all assets located within the UAE.

Process: Registration can be completed online in four weeks, offering convenience and efficiency.

Execution: Probate proceedings can be initiated before any UAE courts, ensuring recognized enforcement.

2. DIFC Wills (Dubai International Financial Centre Wills Service Centre)

Eligibility: Designed for Non-Muslim expatriates.

Scope: Applies to assets situated in Dubai and Ras Al Khaimah.

Registration: Conducted before the DIFC Wills Service Centre, with the presence of two witnesses; online options are also available.

Legal Framework: Governed by DIFC laws and common-law principles, providing internationally recognized standards of succession planning.

At Azad & Azad Legal Consultancy, we are authorized to draft and register both ADJD and DIFC Wills, providing end-to-end assistance—from document preparation and translation to online registration and probate support.

CONCLUSION

Estate planning is an expression of care, foresight, and responsibility. The UAE's progressive legal system provides clear and reliable avenues—through both ADJD and DIFC—to formalize your intentions.

At Azad & Azad Legal Consultancy, our experienced lawyers provide personalized estate-planning solutions aligned with UAE laws and international best practices. From consultation to registration, we ensure that your Will reflects your values, your legacy, and your peace of mind.



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