

General Legal Assistance



.Attorney Hours – Times to speak to an attorney about your legal issue

- Tuesday – 0800-1100
- Wednesday- 1300-1600
- Thursday – 0800-1100

.Briefs –General guidance on subjects

- Dissolution (Divorce) – Every Wednesday at 0800
- Estate Planning (Wills) – Walk in basis
- Will Execution (By appointment only)

.Notaries – Times for obtaining powers of attorney and notarizations

- Monday - Friday - 0800 to 1100 & 1300-1600



QUESTIONS?

Legal Assistance Office
760-830-6111

Estate Planning



Who needs a will?



.You might **NEED** a will if:

- 1) You have children and want to appoint a guardian; or
- 2) You have part ownership in a family farm or business; or
- 3) You have certain items which distributed to certain people



, you want

.You might **NOT** need a will if:

- 1) You are married, have no children, and want everything to go to your spouse; or
- 2) You are not married, have no children, and want everything to go to your parents in equal shares

“Are you under any coercion, duress or undue influence?”



- No one is allowed to order you to get a will
- You must be freely entering into its terms
- A will that is executed under duress can be voided



May not need a will if . . .



If everything you own is pictured below – you may not need a will



Power of Attorney (POA)



- Allows Person A (the principal) to grant Person B (the agent) the legal authority to act on Person A's behalf
 - Make business and financial decisions
- Sell or register a vehicle
- File taxes
- Get a Credit Card
- Sign a Lease
 - Take care of children



ANYTHING THAT REQUIRES YOUR SIGNATURE

Types of Power of Attorney



• General Power of Attorney: unlimited authority

- Very risky and may be unnecessary
- Some institutions may not even accept

• Special Power of Attorney: limited authority

- Minimizes risk and accomplishes your intent
- May want to use specific financial institution for specific powers

• Power of Attorney for the Care of Children (In Loco Parentis)

- Designate someone to care for your child if neither biological parent is available to act as a parent
- Only temporary responsibility over the child, and does not change court-ordered custody

General Power of Attorney



- A Marine designates his mother as his agent, and when he returns from deployment, he finds out that his mother has filed for divorce and served his wife with divorce papers
- Marine designates his wife as his agent, and when he returns from deployment, he finds out she sold the house, emptied his bank accounts, and moved back home
- Sailor designates his father as his agent, and when he returns from deployment, he finds out his father emptied his bank accounts, leased a truck at 25% interest, and accrued \$30,000 in credit card debt



Office Information



.Location

- Building 1514 Brown Street
Across the street from the Base Theater, between Pacific Marine Credit Union and Main Exchange

.Phone

- (760) 830-6111

.Walk-In Hours:

- Tuesdays & Thursdays 0800 to 1100
- Wednesdays 1300 to 1600

.Website:

<http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Offices/LegalServicesSupportTeam/LegalAssistance.aspx>

