

# General Legal Assistance

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.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?

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.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?”

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- 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)

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- 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

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## 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

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- 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>

