



# EXECUTOR & ESTATE ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

Whether you are a Cayman Islands domiciliary or a non-domiciled individual owning Cayman Islands assets, it is a burden to leave loved ones or close friends with the task of administering an estate. This is particularly the case in circumstances where there is a substantial estate, complex assets, cross-border issues or potential family disputes.

Having a valid Will in place and appointing a capable Executor or Estate Administrator to administer the terms of the Will provides security such that the wishes of the deceased are properly and efficiently achieved.

The appointment of a professional Executor or Estate Administrator ensures proper administration of your Will with care, skill and relevant expertise. An Executor's duties are to faithfully uphold and carry out the terms of the Will that are owed to the beneficiaries of the estate.

There are many personal situations, such as those listed below, that necessitate the specialised input of a professional Executor or Estate Administrator to administer the terms of the Will in order to achieve fairness for the beneficiaries concerned:

- Protection of minors or vulnerable person's inheritance
- Making special bequests
- Administration and continued protection of specialised assets
- Complex marital position
- Tenuous family or personal relations
- Contentious probate
- Cross jurisdictional problems

A professional Executor or Estate Administrator based in the Cayman Islands may be preferred when administering the assets of a Cayman resident or non-resident person owning Cayman based real estate, bank accounts or other Cayman situs assets.

Given the increasing complexities often associated with the management and administration of estate assets, it can be beneficial if a professional with a financial or fiduciary background assists in dealing with sometimes complex issues that arise in administering the terms of a Will.

Having R&H Trust & Corporate fulfil the role of Executor or Estate Administrator ensures that the wishes of the deceased are carried out with the highest degree of integrity and objectivity.

Due to our extensive experience in Trustee and Estate services, a wealth of knowledge has been accumulated with respect to administration, contentious matters, asset management and distribution procedures. Our in-house accounting team can also assist with accounting matters connected with the administration of the Will that provides reassurance to the interested parties concerned.

## Our Services

Executor and Estate Administration services are offered through Rawlinson & Hunter Services Ltd., which is wholly owned by the local Rawlinson & Hunter partnership. We can assist with the following Executor and Estate Administration matters:

- Interpretation of the Will
- Identifying the assets and liabilities in the estate
- Liaising with legal advisors in respect of the application to Grand Court for the grant of probate
- Arrange the payment of any debts and funeral expenses
- Administer the estate according to the Will/intestate act
- Distribute estate to the beneficiaries
- Defend the estate against any claims
- Opening of bank accounts
- Accounting for assets, liabilities, income and expenses of the estate



Rawlinson & Hunter has an extensive professional network should further expertise be required in legal, taxation, asset valuation and banking matters.

As a professional Executor and Estate Administrator, we will work closely with the Will maker in order to ensure we understand the purpose of the Will, the nature of the assets concerned, and key relationship dynamics to ensure the Will is administered in a fair and equitable manner that is aligned with the intentions of the Will maker.

Please contact us if you would like to find out more about our Executor and Estate Administration services, or other private client services. We would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.