***Help Your Family, Leave Your Legacy***

**Write a Will**

A Will is a legally binding document that states what will happen to your belongings and states your final wishes. Writing a Will is a gift to your family – it saves them the trouble of trying to figure out what you would have wanted, and worse, the possibility of disagreeing with one another. Keep control over your legacy and provide your family with the gift of clarity by writing a Will.

**I don’t have much – just my belongings. Should I have a Will?** Yes. All Marylanders have the right to decide who should receive their personal belongings. This right applies regardless of your income or assets. And whether you are rich, poor, or somewhere in between, a Will is a help to your family.

**Do I need a Will if I’m a homeowner?**Opening an estate to transfer a deed to a property when there is noWill is an expensive, time consuming hassle. In the Baltimore area, the process can take months or even years, and often requires legal representation. Save your family the trouble of jumping through the hoops by writing a Will.

**Is a Will for me if my family is complicated or troublesome?**

Yes. If you have informally adopted step-children, a long-term partner you’re not legally married to, or family members you *don’t* want making decisions on your behalf, a Will can make sure that your final wishes reflect your unique situation. And if things are complicated, no need to feel embarrassed about seeking legal advice – lawyers have typically seen it all before!

\*Drop in quote from faith leader\*

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