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For more information about our services go to:

www.abacuswillwriters.com

<http://www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk/>

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/trusts/ih/index.htm>

Information on:

Inheritance Tax

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/MoneyTaxAndBenefits/Taxes/BeginnersGuideToTax/inheritanceTaxEstatesAndTrusts/Index.htm>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/mon ey/article-1263148/Reduce-inheritance-tax-burden.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/personalfinance/7548158/Young-people-profit-as-parents-bypass-inheritance-tax.html>

Paying for a funeral

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/7762640.stm>

Choosing an Executor

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/7670031.stm>

Capital Gains & Inheritance Tax

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/2966704.stm>

Don't forget to watch our TV programmes on Sundays
At 11am on Venus TV Sky 805 and 1pm on Prime TV Sky 792 to find out why you need to write a will....

Inheritance Tax (IHT)

Inheritance tax has affected a number of people in the UK due to the fact that IHT threshold have not risen in line with house prices. Between the years of 2007-09 it raised £3.7bn for the revenue. IHT is a form of death duty without planning for this in advance you could leave your family members with a large bill to pay.

You can avoid IHT on:-

- ❖ Money/assets inherited from a spouse or civil partner
- ❖ Gifts made to UK charities
- ❖ Cash/gifts which are made seven years prior to your death



When you die the tax is paid by the executors of your estate from the remaining assets, the value of the estates above the tax threshold of £325,000 is taxed at 40%. When property prices rise more people find that their estates are targeted by IHT.

Avoiding Inheritance Tax

- Plan ahead
- Give away your money at least seven years before death
- Set up a discretionary trust

Living Wills: Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA)

The LPA is a legal document that enables a person's trusted representative(s) – known as Attorney(s) – to oversee their finances and welfare. Dealing with money and welfare matters in old age or ill health can be difficult and worrying – perhaps even impossible. Although you may nominate a Deputy to handle your affairs, this can be a lengthy and costly process. The simplest solution is for you (the Donor) to appoint one or more Attorneys to manage your affairs on your behalf if you become unable to do so. The different types of LPAs are:

Property and Affairs LPA

Allows your Attorney to make decisions on your behalf about your property and affairs, including paying your bills, collecting your income and benefits or selling your house subject to any restrictions or conditions. It does not allow your Attorney to make decisions about your personal welfare.

Personal Welfare LPA

Allows your attorney to make decisions on your behalf about your personal welfare, including whether to give or refuse consent to medical treatment on your behalf and deciding where you

Sponsorship

We are currently sponsors of the:

The Global, Peace & Unity Event (date to be confirmed)

<http://www.theglobalunity.com/>

The Young Muslim Writers awards due to take place May 26th 2010

<http://muslimwritersawards.org.uk/>

Tehsin Aslam is also on the board of the Office of Public Guardianship (OPG)

<http://www.publicguardian.gov.uk/>

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

At 11am on Venus TV Sky channel 805 and

1pm on Prime TV Sky Channel 792

Watch out for our new phone-in programme which will be broadcasting on Sunrise TV Sky channel 830 in the upcoming week!!

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live.

These decisions can only be taken on your behalf when you lack the capacity to make them yourself, for example if you are ill, unconscious or because of the onset of a condition such as dementia. It does not allow your attorney to make decisions

Trusts: planning for the new 50% income tax rate

The 6th April 2010 saw the increase of income tax rate raise from 40 to 50% for trustees of discretionary trusts the impact of the new rate depends on whether the trust income is accumulated within the trust or distributed to beneficiaries.

If the income is accumulated the increased rates is felt by the trust however if the income is distributed to beneficiaries they will be able to claim a refund of the tax paid by the trustees. Depending on the circumstances of the trust one of the following options could be considered by trustees;

- Make income distributions: insure all income is paid out to beneficiaries not subjected to top tax rate
- Review investment of trust fund: alter the balance of the trust investments to minimize income receipts
- Trustees could focus on investment for capital gains in preference to income returns and so take advantage of the favorable capital gains tax rate of 18%.



Although the new income tax rates will impact on some discretionary trusts more than others, it is important that all trustees of discretionary trusts give adequate consideration as to how they will be affected and any action they should take in this connection, in good time before the new rates come into effect.

The Global, Peace and Unity Event

The Global, Peace and Unity event was established in 2005 to give the opportunity for people to empower themselves by taking part in a project to create a harmonious and progressive world.

The event is geared towards Muslim and non-Muslims it promotes much needed dialogue and offers a chance to change history. It is a not for profit event and has become well known in the Muslim calendar. It provides a platform for entertainment, education as well as exploration for people of all ages and backgrounds.

This year see's the platform open to discuss the topic of Shariah law and using it in marital and financial matters. The Archbishop of Canterbury spoke about the need for Muslims to use the Shariah law and hopefully with the help of the GPU event the backlash surrounding the Archbishops comments can be rectified and the backlash towards the comments can be changed as Muslims and non-Muslims can understand why it is important as a Muslim to use Shariah law for their marital and financial matters.

We at Abacus Will Writers are proud to sponsor such an event as it allows people to gain more knowledge and understanding as well as allow people to hear speeches from internationally renowned speakers and influential politicians about their views on Islam.

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