

# Norton Peskett

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## Court of Protection

If a family member has become mentally unable to manage their own affairs and they have not signed an Enduring Power of Attorney or a Lasting Power of Attorney, someone will need to apply to the Court of Protection to be appointed as their deputy, unless their affairs are very simple. The Court of Protection will then authorise the deputy to do certain things on behalf of the family member.

Details of the patient and all his or her assets, income, expenditure and family circumstances must be given to the Court of Protection. The application can take some time to complete although the Court of Protection can make some restricted orders more quickly for certain urgent matters.

We can advise on:-

- The appointment and discharge of deputies
- The making of gifts by patients
- The making of statutory Wills for patients
- The registration of Enduring Powers of Attorney
- The registration of Lasting Powers of Attorney

We are conscious of the often sensitive nature of our work. We offer a highly individual and efficient service, meeting clients in their own home and liaising where relevant with family, friends and case managers to ensure the patient's best interests are met.

Please contact our Probate and Wills Department who can help with the application, necessary paperwork and give you any advice that you require.