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INHERITANCE AND WILLS

THE LEGAL ASPECTS

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Introduction

- who we are
- where we are
- what we do
- why you should use us



Does your current property ownership fit with your personal situation?

How do you own your house? Do you really know?

Various possible ways in which to own a property in France:

- Sole name
- Joint names “en indivision”
- Joint names “en tontine”
- Joint names with universal community marriage regime
- Through an SCI





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- Is the property your main residence?
- Is the surviving spouse or partner sufficiently protected?





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Marriage regimes in France:

- Married in France without a marriage contract - *communauté de biens réduite aux acquêts*
- Married in England or Wales - *séparation de biens*
- Married elsewhere - depends where!
- Couples who have concluded a PACS
- Couple not yet married - think carefully and take advice
- Married in the UK and now living in France – *la communauté universelle?*





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Tax implications of the adoption of universal community





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The role of the Notaire: Public Officer and a liberal professional





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Ensuring your wishes are respected through appropriate estate planning, including:

Different types of Will:

- Olographe
- Authentique
- Mystique
- Le testament international





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Contents of a Will:

- The reserve takes precedence
- Create a life interest
- Include a legs résiduel
- Include a legs graduel
- Non-revocation clause





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Is an English Will relevant for French assets?

Divorce, re-marriage and children

- Divorce
- Re-marriage & children
(natural, adopted & step children)





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Any questions?



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