

## **Thy Will Be Done**

Do you have a will? Is it up-to-date? Has it been executed properly within the guidelines governed by Georgia Statute? Do you have a current Advance Directive? Do you know what an Advanced Directive is? If your answer to any of these questions is “No”, it’s time to get serious about your future!

Many of us want to put off creating a Will and Advanced Directive as long as we possibly can. Surprisingly, statistics show that over 50% of Americans with children do not have valid wills. However, having a valid will is critically important to ensuring that your family and those you care about are provided for upon your passing, and having a valid Advanced Directive ensures that your wishes regarding your health care are effectively communicated and carried out in the event that you are unable to do so.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF I DIE WITHOUT A WILL?**

In the state of Georgia, a person who dies without a will is considered to have died “intestate”. Under Georgia law this means that the Court has to appoint an administrator and all of your assets will go to your closest relatives as directed by a statutory formula, or if no relatives can be found, your entire estate will go into Georgia’s coffers (i.e., the State gets everything!).

### **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF HAVING A VALID WILL?**

With a will, you determine where you want your property to go, and to whom. You have the ability to select your Executor (the individual who will settle your estate according to your wishes). In a will, parents get to name whom they want to be the guardian(s) of and set up trusts for their minor children. You can make gifts to specific family members, loved ones, friends, charities, schools, or organizations of your choice and more.

### **HOW CAN HORNSBY/MITCHENER LAW & ADR HELP?**

Hornsby/Mitchener Law & ADR, LLC is a general practice law firm specializing in Estate Planning, Corporate Law and Tort Actions. MRAC’s own Stacey L. Mitchener is the Managing Partner. Stacey has begun efforts to encourage Sorors and their families to create and execute valid wills and Advanced Directives over the next 6 months (December 2014 – May 2015). At H/M Law, Sorors will receive special pricing, and all-inclusive flat-rate packages covering Will and Advanced Directive drafting and execution, onsite notary services, copying, and filing.

### **HOW DO I GET STARTED?**

Getting started is easy. Just contact Soror Stacey L. Mitchener, Esq. to set up a consultation.

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