

Non-Muslims In Dubai Now Able To Protect Children And Local Assets With A Dubai Will

Following the introduction of significant new legislation in the Dubai International Financial Centre (“DIFC”), non-Muslims living in Dubai are now able for the first time to draft a will that is locally enforceable in the Emirate. Previously, in many instances the Dubai courts have applied Shariah law principles to the succession of the estates of deceased non-Muslims in Dubai and to the care of their minor children. Executors and heirs who did not wish Shariah principles to apply often faced lengthy, expensive and uncertain appeal proceedings in the Dubai courts, possibly lasting several years.

With the introduction of the new DIFC Wills and Probate Registry, non-Muslims living in Dubai can now draft a will that ensures in the event of their death:

- Their children are cared for by the family or friends they nominate
- Their Dubai-based assets will be passed on to their chosen heirs

Please read our [memo](#) on the new rules to learn more about drafting a DIFC will, or contact our Dubai team at dubai@tridenttrust.com.

Trident Trust Company (UAE) Ltd
Level 41
Mazaya Business Avenue AA1
JLT Embankment
Tel +971-4-423-9988
Fax +971-4-450-4411