

Ideas for signing your documents during COVID-19

a) If you are going out to work you can take the documents to your workplace to sign and have witnessed.

b) If you come into contact with anyone such as a delivery driver or anyone assisting you in your home whether a tradesperson or a home-help you can ask them to act as a witness provided government Covid-19 guidelines, rules and laws are strictly adhered to.

c) For L.P.A.'s:- Your Certificate Provider does not have to be present when you sign your L.P.A. however if they are present they can act as a witness to the Will (please see the window witnesses below). The Certificate Provider has to sign after you but before your Attorney(s) and has to meet the requirements stated in the information booklet called Client document execution instructions.

d) In a court case called Casson Vs, Dade long ago in 1831 the Will was judged to have been signed correctly and be a valid Will where the Will was signed by the testator (person making the Will) in front of the window while the witnesses watched from outside the window. Then the testator passed the Will through the letterbox for the witnesses to sign while the testator watched through the window. At all times the testator and both witnesses had "clear sight" of each other.

e) A window could be any window including a car window for instance so you could drive to the witnesses home, you stay in the car, the witnesses come to your car window so they have a clear line of sight to you whilst keep a safe COVID-19 distance. They watch you sign and then you pass the document to them and they sign with all three of you at all times having a clear sight of each other but keeping a safe COVID-19 distance.

f) You could do a car window signing in other situations, for example, you could arrange to do the same as e above by co-ordinating you required shopping necessities by meeting in the car park of the same shop which means no special trips as you were going anyway and maybe your witnesses were to just at a different time/day.

g) It is a good idea to video the signing and to rotate the device when filming to show who is present as this shows no one else is there who should not be and shows who should be present at all times with a clear line of sight of each other even if they are outside a window. If The Will Partnership L.L.P. is supervising the meeting we will offer to record the video.

h) If you do not have a device that can easily video then choose witnesses who do and get them to make the video but if The Will Partnership L.L.P. is supervising the meeting we will offer to record the video.



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