



## Press Release

### **The Society of Will Writers Disappointed By Decision Not To Regulate**

The Society of Will Writers (SWW) were not surprised by, but are disappointed at the Lord Chancellor Chris Grayling's decision to reject the recommendations of the Legal Services Board (LSB) to regulate the Will Writing industry. The SWW backed the recommendations by the LSB to make will writing a reserved activity and have spent the past few years contributing to the research and discussion documents.

Evidence produced by The Legal Services Consumer Panel and the LSB showed that there was a case for regulating the will writing profession which was fully supported by the SWW and its members.

This decision by The Lord Chancellor has provided a unique opportunity for the will writing profession to come together and show its critics how self regulation can work ensuring that the consumers interests are maintained.

Over the next few days and weeks the SWW, the largest professional association representing will writing in the UK, will seek to work with other interested parties, both Government and private, to provide better safeguards for the consumer in the light of this decision by the Government.

For nearly twenty years SWW members have been providing wills and estate planning in the comfort and privacy of the customer's home with very few problems relative to the hundreds of thousands of wills produced during this time. Despite this call for regulation the survey carried out by the Legal Services Consumer Panel, showed that will writers were equally as good as solicitors when it came to producing wills.

When making a will make sure that you ask your will writer for their credentials and if he or she can't show them then don't use them.

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### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

*The Society of Will Writers (SWW) is a non-profit making self regulatory organisation which seeks to Protect the Public and serve the interests of those men and women who are active professionals in our field.*

*All SWW members are covered by Professional Indemnity Insurance, with the Society main scheme being underwritten by the UK's leading insurance company Hiscox. Members are bound by the SWW's code of practice and disciplinary and complaints procedures, copies of which are available from the society upon request.*

*All SWW members go through a stringent vetting procedure and continuing training to ensure that they are suitable persons to properly write a will.*

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