BEFORE DECISIONS BECOME DISPUTES

Succession and family-wealth preparation

Create a clear starting record for Kenyan assets

The right route depends on the family, the assets and whether the owner is planning ahead or an estate is already being administered. Start by making the facts visible.

- [ ] List Kenyan land, businesses, bank interests, investments, debts and important supporting records.
- [ ] Record how each asset is owned and whether any co-owner, spouse, lender, company or trust has an interest.
- [ ] Identify dependants, intended beneficiaries and any family circumstances that require careful provision.
- [ ] Locate existing wills, trust deeds, nominations, grants, court orders and earlier family agreements.
- [ ] Choose trusted Kenyan contacts for practical coordination, without giving informal authority over assets.
- [ ] Ask whether a will, trust, lifetime transfer or succession application fits the objective and current facts.
- [ ] If using a power of attorney, define its purpose and limits in writing and verify execution requirements first.
- [ ] Schedule a periodic review after major family, residence, ownership or business changes.

SEND YOUR LAWYER

An asset list, family tree, ownership documents, existing estate-planning papers, death certificate or court papers where relevant, your country of residence and the outcome you want. Use secure sharing agreed with the firm.

PRIMARY SOURCES

Law of Succession Act, Cap. 160
https://new.kenyalaw.org/akn/ke/act/1972/14

Trustees (Perpetual Succession) Act, Cap. 164
https://new.kenyalaw.org/akn/ke/act/1923/12/eng@2024-04-26