



ESTATE PLANNING – Mapping your future

Securing what you have and building what you need

Estate Planning is creating a map for your life based on what you expect to happen for the rest of your life.

It is a process that typically begins when you purchase a property or asset of considerable value, or life changes significantly, such as getting married or divorced.

Usually, it is part of the process involved in preparing your Will, and helps to ensure that what you have now is secure and then, when your assets are passed on to others following your death, the beneficiaries can truly benefit in the way you intended.

It also incorporates your plans for your business, and how you would like things managed in the event of your death or even a family dispute.

A good estate plan is flexible and responsive to your situation - it is never something set in stone.

Done well, it will evolve with your life - and the lives of those most important to you.

Our Estate Planning advice includes the expertise of a Business Law and Taxation Law specialist, who can help ensure your plans and wishes are executed in a way that is most beneficial, for you and your loved ones.

Our Estate Planning expertise spans several areas of law. These include:

- Preparing your Will
- Protecting your assets
- Trusts
- Tax implications
- Superannuation
- Family Law situations (existing and possible)

Start a conversation with an experienced professional

We won't pretend this process is always easy and without emotion. But it's better to start it, than ignore it – because it won't become easier to address as time goes on.

An experienced expert can ensure your Estate Plan is prepared objectively and that what is important to you is properly considered and accommodated.

Our Estate Planning Experts have more than 50 years combined experience in preparing Wills, Powers of Attorney and Estate Plans.



FIONA GIBLIN

Managing Partner

BComm LLB (Hons) *Melb*,
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Born and raised in South West Victoria, Fiona Giblin's legal career began with renowned city firm Minter Ellison, before she returned to home soil, working with Mackay Taylor solicitors and Warrnambool Cheese and Butter as in-house legal and company secretary.

Fiona joined Maddens Lawyers in 2006 and in 2009, became a principal of the firm. In February 2015, Fiona became Managing Partner.

Fiona is a Law Institute of Victoria Accredited Specialist in Business Law, and her expertise stretches across the full range of commercial law services, including Wills and Powers of Attorney, Estate Planning, property law, business structures, and agribusiness needs.

In addition to her work at Maddens, Fiona is involved with the Port Fairy Football Netball Club, and in warmer months, the Port Fairy Nippers. She is also a member of the Emmanuel College School Board and the Emmanuel College Finance Committee.

"We know people find it hard to think about what might happen once they're gone.

"However, we encourage people to think about it more as simply the application of common-sense – planning for the future."



ROBERT COLE

Principal

LLB

Estate Planning and Property law are Robert's key professional interests, which see him working closely with some of South West Victoria's most successful and prosperous businesses and their families.

Central to his passion for his work is always the people; achieving family harmony in Estate Planning is his ultimate goal.

Robert has maintained a feel for the community pulse via a mix of personal sporting interests (sailing, cycling and football) and positions on local committees and boards.

This has included seven years as Warrnambool Primary School's Council President and three years on the board of Lyndoch Living. Both roles were inspired by Robert's own family involvement.

"As a country lawyer I consider it essential to be immersed in and contributing to the community."



EROL CHAKIR

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Accredited Specialist – Business Law
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Erol Chakir is a Law Institute of Victoria-Accredited Specialist in the areas of Business Law and Taxation Law.

This positions Erol as one of the region's foremost experts in the area of Business Law and Taxation law.

He works with a diverse range of business clients from across Australia, with superannuation, taxation, Estate Planning and Wills particular areas of interest and focus.

Erol joined Maddens Lawyers in 2004, having worked in other firms in both Warrnambool and Geelong. His interests beyond the law include hockey, horse racing and food and wine.

"People need not be intimidated by the idea of Estate Planning; it's not something you should worry about, but it's certainly something you should do."



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