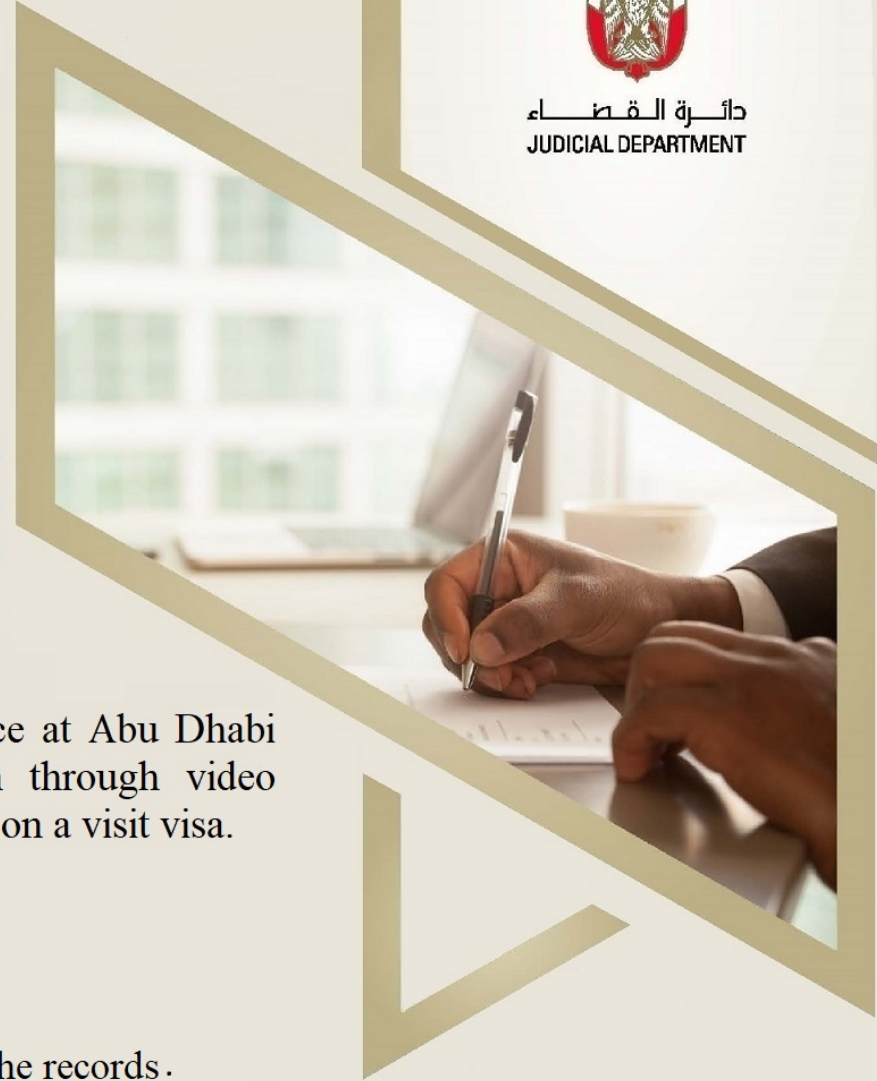


" How to Protect Your Property Via a Will "



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❖ The Personal Status Code and the Civil Law give expatriates living in the UAE the option to choose the law to be applied to their inheritance to ensure stability.

(The only exception is for property owned and purchased in the UAE, which will be managed as per local Sharia law or unless there is a written will)

❖ Special registries established in (Abu Dhabi and Dubai) for non-Muslims investing or living in each emirate provide the option to pass on assets and/or to appoint guardians for children. Non-Muslim Abu Dhabi residents may register a will with the Abu Dhabi Judicial Department.

❖ Registration can either be done by visiting the Wills Registration Office at Abu Dhabi Judicial Department or through video conferencing. For registration through video conferencing, the testator must either be a UAE resident or be in the UAE on a visit visa.

❖ Documents required:

- ✓) Emirates ID and Passport (original and copy).
- ✓) The drafted will, with enough copies for all relevant parties and a copy for the records .
- ✓) Necessary proofs, evidencing the ownership of the bequeathed properties also need to be submitted (original and copy).

❖ Special conditions:

- ✓) Presence of the applicant before the Non - Muslim Wills and Probates Office (the process is also done online)
- ✓) If the applicant is a representative of the individual under whose name the will has been drafted (the principal), a Power of Attorney also needs to be submitted, limited to making wills and subject to the will conditions.
- ✓) If the document is not in Arabic, it must be translated by a legal translation office certified by the Ministry of Justice.
- ✓) Any document issued outside the country must be authenticated by the competent authorities, such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

❖ Steps to follow:

The Abu Dhabi Judicial Department provides the following steps for anyone wanting to register a will:

- ✓) Submit the application and the required documents.
- ✓) An SMS is sent to the customer to inform him/her of the status of the application.
- ✓) Pay the prescribed fees - Dh950.
- ✓) Contact the non-Muslim Wills and Probates Office to schedule an appointment for probating the will at:
(+971 2 6513257 or +971 2 6513262)
- ✓) Submit the original documents to have the will probated on the appointed date.

❖ Conclusion:

The process can be completed online through the following link: (<https://www.adjd.gov.ae/EN/Pages/EServiceDirectory.aspx#>).

- ✓) Select - Request to authenticate a will for non-Muslims.
- ✓) Authenticate with email or phone UAE Pass.
- ✓) Follow the five steps.