

**“My Will does not include page numbering. Is it valid?”**

We have been asked this question recently. It has arisen because it seems a rumour is circulating that since February 2009 all Wills have to be signed on each and every page, and that each page has to be numbered.

The substance of the rumour seems to be that if this is not done then irrespective of when the Will was made it is no longer valid and that any Will failing to meet these criteria must be re made.

There has been no such change in the rules relating to the validity of wills or the procedures adopted by the Probate Registry. The only recent change in the rules relates to copy documents that we must supply to the Probate registry after someone's death. Since February of this year we have made a large number of Probate applications and none have been challenged for this reason. We have made specific enquiry of the Probate registry who have confirmed that this rule does not exist.

There are lots of reasons to consider updating your Will, this however is not one of them.

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