## Your Family Finances

## Where There's A Will, There Can Be Peaceful Resolution

(NAPSA)—Drawing up a Last Will and Testament is considered one of the most important ways to protect your family, yet an estimated 50 percent of Americans have yet to take such a precaution.

What many people don't realize is that, if you die without a will, the government will essentially write one for you and you may not care for the way your assets are divided. For example:

- Spouses only get a piece of what they own—the rest has to be shared with the children, even if it means selling the family home to give each person his/her share.
- If you have young children, they could end up as wards of the state and all assets may have to be sold to raise money for their care
- If you are single and have no next of kin, the government gets everything.

Making a will lets you protect your assets, set out who gets what, decide who will look after your children and help your family avoid lengthy court battles.

Fortunately, there's now an easy-to-use kit, in plain language, which can help people sidestep the pitfalls associated with drawing up a will. The kit



Where there's a will, there's probably a way to protect your assets and your loved ones.

contains important legal clauses found in lawyer-prepared wills, but for a fraction of the cost of seeing an attorney.

Every kit is numbered and comes with a matching "Will Location Card" to keep in your wallet so the will can be located when it's needed. Wills made with the kit are valid in every state except Louisiana.

For more information or to order the America's Plain Language Will Kit, call Classic Legal Publications, Inc., toll free, at 1-877-439-3999, or visit the Web site at www.willkit.net.