RAASHID · PARTNER KIT

Attorney and Law Firm Kit

A practitioner guide for estate-planning attorneys and law firms

Seven resources for working with Muslim clients: a primer, intake, drafting prompts, scholar coordination, a first meeting, a cross-border checklist and client-facing text.

raashid.com

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HOW TO USE THIS KIT

What is in the kit

Raashid (raashid.com) is a free tool that helps a family work out an inheritance plan in about five minutes, aligned with Islamic inheritance rules. It runs on the visitor's device, with no login, no cookies, no ads and no analytics. It covers four Sunni schools and 45 countries, and is available in English, Arabic and Urdu. It is general information. It is not a will, and it does not replace a scholar or an attorney.

This guide holds seven resources. Editable Word versions of resources 2 to 4 and 7 are separate files. Wherever you see [square brackets], fill in your own details. This kit is general information and is not legal advice. Religious rulings always stay with the client's own scholar.

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Other files in the kit

- **Client handout** (one-page PDF): for clients to read before a first meeting.
- **Client intake questionnaire** (Word): fill in on screen or print.
- **Drafting points**, **scholar letter** and **client communications** (Word): editable.

Before you rely on or print anything, check raashid.com for any change. This kit reflects the site as read on 9 October 2026.

RESOURCE 1

Practitioner primer

What Raashid gives you

A calculation of each heir's share under the four Sunni schools, with the sources linked. A private worksheet at raashid.com/worksheet helps a client note their wishes and states plainly that it is not a will.

Core ideas

- **Order of payment.** Funeral costs and debts come first. Then a bequest of up to one third, to non-heirs unless all heirs agree. Then the shares.
- **Fixed shares and residuaries.** Nearer heirs exclude more distant ones.
- **A son takes twice a daughter's share.** See the worked example in the Core Pack on the site.
- **'Awl and radd.** Handled as set out on the site: where shares exceed the whole, they are reduced proportionately ('awl); where a surplus remains, the schools differ on who receives it (radd).
- **Where the schools differ.** The six-row comparison on raashid.com/sources covers the grandfather with siblings, radd, mushtaraka, distant kindred, the paternal grandmother while the father lives, and the 'Umariyyatan.

What Raashid does not decide

Raashid does not issue religious rulings. The client's own scholar has the final word on any religious question. It does not decide legal questions either: title, tax, validity of a will and local law remain yours.

How to cite it

Record the date of the consultation and the school selected. For example: "Raashid calculation run on [date], [school] school selected, used as a starting point for discussion with the client and the client's scholar."

RESOURCE 2

Client intake questionnaire

A fillable Word version is a separate file. Clients can fill it in before the meeting; it is fine to leave anything blank.

Topic	Question	Client's answer
Client	Name, contact details, country and state or province of residence, date of the consultation	
Purpose	Planning while alive, or administering an estate after a death? If a death: date, place, and who is asking	
Religious guidance	Does the client follow a school (Hanafi, Maliki, Shafi'i, Hanbali)? Which scholar or imam will advise? Blank if unsure	
Family	Spouse or spouses; sons and daughters (and any who died earlier, with their children); father and mother; grandparents	
Other family	Brothers and sisters (full, paternal, maternal); adopted or step-children; non-Muslim relatives; any heir who is a minor	
Assets	Main assets, approximate value, and how each is held (sole name, joint, trust, business, abroad)	
Accounts that pass by designation	Retirement accounts, life insurance, payable-on-death or joint accounts, with the named beneficiaries	
Debts	Loans, credit, taxes, funeral costs, unpaid mahr	
Religious obligations	Unpaid zakat, missed fasts, hajj not yet performed, other obligations the client wants considered	
Existing documents	Wills, trusts, powers of attorney, beneficiary forms, prior Islamic wills; dates and where kept	
Bequests	Any bequest (wasiyyah) the client wants, to whom, how much (the client's scholar advises on the one-third limit)	
Guardian	Who would care for minor children?	
Executor	Who should serve, and a back-up?	
Burial wishes	Burial location, funeral arrangements, repatriation	
Documents	What the client will bring: IDs, statements, deeds, policies, marriage certificate, prior wills	
Raashid case summary	Attached? Date of the run, school selected, any flags it raised	

RESOURCE 3

Drafting discussion points

A checklist for the conversation about how documents will give effect to the client's intentions. Use it with the client's scholar's guidance in hand.

Point	Discuss
Distribution by shares	Does the client want the estate to follow the Islamic shares? Which school? Record the school selected and the date of the calculation.
Bequest up to one third	Is a bequest wanted? It is limited to one third, and goes to non-heirs unless all heirs agree. Refer the details to the client's scholar.
Debts and funeral costs	These are paid first. Include unpaid mahr and any other debt owed. Explain how they will be paid.
Assets outside the will	List accounts and property that pass by title or beneficiary designation. Decide whether to re-title or re-designate so the outcome matches the client's intention.
Minor heirs and guardianship	Name a guardian. Consider how a minor's share will be held and managed.
Executor and burial wishes	Name an executor and a back-up. Record burial instructions where they will be found quickly.
Review after life events	Plan to review after a marriage, a birth, a death or a divorce, and every few years.

The points do not give legal or religious advice. They prompt the discussion.

RESOURCE 4

Scholar coordination template

A letter to the client's scholar, sent with the client's written consent, and an engagement-record paragraph for your file. A Word version is a separate file.

Letter

Assalamu alaikum [Scholar's name],

I am writing on behalf of our mutual client, [Client name], who has asked me to prepare estate-planning documents and wishes to follow the guidance of [Scholar's name] on the religious questions. With the client's written consent, I would be grateful for your guidance on the points below.

Summary of facts (shared with the client's consent):
[Family members and relationships]
[Main assets and debts]
[School the client follows, if any]
[Raashid case summary, dated [date], school selected [school]]

Questions for your guidance:
1. [Question]
2. [Question]
3. [Question]

Please note: Raashid is a calculator that presents the shares under the four Sunni schools. It does not issue rulings. We will follow your guidance on any religious ruling, and we will record the guidance you give in our file.

What I will do: I will prepare documents that give effect to the guidance, in line with the law of [jurisdiction]. I cannot give a religious ruling, and nothing in this letter asks you to give legal advice.

If it would be easier to speak, I can be reached at [phone] or [email]. Please let me know if you would like a short call with the client present.

Jazak Allahu khayran,
[Attorney name]
[Firm]

Engagement record

Engagement record: Scholar [name] was consulted on [date] at the client's request. The guidance received was: [summary]. The client confirmed on [date] that they wish to proceed on this basis. The Raashid calculation of [date] using the [school] school was used as a starting point.

RESOURCE 5

First meeting with a Muslim client

Eight points, in order.

1. Explain what you will and will not do. Raashid calculates; the client's scholar rules; you draft and advise on the law.
2. Ask whether the client follows a school and who their scholar is. If none, offer to help the client find one.
3. Run Raashid together or ask the client to bring the case summary. Note the date and the school selected.
4. Walk through the order of payment: funeral costs and debts, then any bequest up to one third to non-heirs, then the shares.
5. Identify assets that pass outside the will by title or designation, and compare them with the intended division.
6. Ask about mahr, zakat and other religious obligations. Use the client's own words for these terms (wasiyyah, mahr, fara'id); the glossary at raashid.com/glossary can help.
7. Talk about guardianship, executor and burial wishes.
8. Agree next steps: who contacts the scholar, which documents to gather, and when you will review a draft.

Terms to know

Term	Meaning
Wasiyyah	A bequest; limited to one third and given to non-heirs unless all heirs agree
Mahr	The marriage gift owed to the wife; unpaid mahr is a debt of the estate
Fara'id	The fixed inheritance shares and the science of dividing them

More terms are in the glossary at raashid.com/glossary.

RESOURCE 6

Cross-border question checklist

Use when the client, the family or the assets are in more than one country.

1. In which countries does the client live, hold citizenship, or own property or accounts?
2. Which country's law governs the estate, and does any country apply forced heirship or a similar rule?
3. Does the client's will need to be valid in more than one place, and are separate wills advisable?
4. Does any country limit or restrict freedom to leave a bequest, or require a minimum share to certain heirs?
5. Are there tax consequences (estate, inheritance, gift or exit taxes) in any country involved?
6. How are accounts and property held abroad, and what process is needed to transfer them?
7. Do local rules recognise the Islamic division, or must the plan be built through wills, trusts or titling?
8. Are there rules on non-Muslim heirs, adopted children or marriage that differ locally?
9. Which local counsel should be consulted for each country?

Raashid's country notes cover 45 countries. Local-law adjustments never change the Islamic calculation, so use the notes as prompts for local advice, not as a substitute for it.

RESOURCE 7

Client-facing text

Starting points for your website and client email. A Word version is a separate file.

Website blurb (about 45 words)

> [Firm name] helps Muslim families plan their estates with care. We use Raashid (raashid.com), a free, private inheritance calculator aligned with Islamic rules, to prepare for your first meeting. We draft the documents. Your own scholar advises on religious questions.

Email to a prospective client

Subject: Before we meet: a free tool and a short questionnaire

Assalamu alaikum [Client name],

Thank you for contacting [Firm name]. To make our first meeting as useful as possible, here are two things to do beforehand.

1. Try Raashid, a free tool at raashid.com. It takes about five minutes and runs privately on your device, with no login. It shows how an estate divides under the inheritance rules of the four Sunni schools. If you like, save or print the case summary and bring it to our meeting. Please note which school you selected.

2. Fill in the attached questionnaire as far as you can. It is fine to leave anything blank.

Raashid is general information. It does not replace your scholar, and it is not a will. If you have an imam or scholar you trust, please let us know so we can work with them.

We look forward to meeting you.

[Name]
[Firm]
[Phone]

Use in the file

Save the client's Raashid case summary with the date and the school selected. Note that the client confirmed it is general information, not a will.

Cautions

- The attorney directory on raashid.com/attorneys is not live yet. Do not describe your firm as listed on Raashid. Professional listings and partnership levels are being developed; see raashid.com/attorneys for the latest.
- Advertising and solicitation rules differ by state and country. Check your bar's rules before you use any wording in this kit in marketing.
- Use the wording as a starting point and adapt it to your practice, jurisdiction and engagement terms.