

ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHEET

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USING THIS ORGANIZER WILL ASSIST US IN DESIGNING AN ESTATE PLAN THAT MEETS YOUR GOALS.
ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED WORKSHEET TO OUR OFFICE PRIOR TO YOUR
APPOINTMENT VIA MAIL OR FAX.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Client's Full Legal Name _____
(name most often used to title property and accounts)

Also Known As _____
(other names used to title property and accounts)

Prefer to be called _____ Birth date _____ SS# _____ US Citizen? _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ County of Residence _____ Business Telephone _____

Employer _____ Position _____

Business Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ It is okay to communicate with me via my E-mail address.

Divorced Widowed Single

CHILDREN AND/OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS

Use full legal name:

Name	Birth date	Relationship
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ADVISORS

Name	Telephone
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Personal Attorney _____	_____
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Accountant _____	_____
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Financial Advisor _____	_____
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Life Insurance Agent _____	_____
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YOUR CONCERNS

Please rate the following as to how important they are to you:
(*H* high concern, *S* some concerned, *L* low concern, *N/A* no concern or not applicable)

Description

Level of Concern

Desire to get affairs in order and create a comprehensive plan to manage affairs in case of death or disability.

Providing for and protecting children.

Providing for and protecting grandchildren.

Disinheriting a family member.

Providing for charities at the time of death.

Plan for the transfer and survival of a family business.

Avoiding or reducing your estate taxes.

Avoiding probate.

Reduce administration costs at time of your death.

Avoiding a conservatorship ("living probate") in case of a disability.

Avoiding will contests or other disputes upon death.

Protecting assets from lawsuits or creditors.

Preserving the privacy of affairs in case of disability or at time of death from business competitors, predators, dishonest persons and curiosity seekers.

Plan for a child with disabilities or special needs, such as medical or learning disabilities.

Protecting children's inheritance from the possibility of failed marriages.

Provide that your death shall not be unnecessarily prolonged by artificial means or measures.

Other Concerns (Please list below):

IMPORTANT FAMILY QUESTIONS

(Please check "Yes" or "No" for your answer)	Yes	No
Are you receiving Social Security, disability, or other governmental benefits? <i>Describe</i>		
Are you making payments pursuant to a divorce or property settlement order? <i>Please furnish a copy</i>		
Have you been widowed? <i>If a federal estate tax return or a state death tax return was filed, please furnish a copy</i>		
Have you ever filed federal or state gift tax returns? <i>Please furnish copies of these returns</i>		
Have completed previous will, trust, or estate planning? <i>Please furnish copies of these documents</i>		
Do you support any charitable organizations now that you wish to make provisions for at the time of your death? <i>If so, please explain below.</i>		
Are there any other charitable organizations you wish to make provisions for at the time of your death? <i>If so, please explain below.</i>		
Are you currently the beneficiary of anyone else's trust? <i>If so, please explain below.</i>		
Do any of your children have special educational, medical, or physical needs?		
Do any of your children receive governmental support or benefits?		
Do you provide primary or other major financial support to adult children or others?		

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT INFORMATION

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING
THE *PROPERTY INFORMATION* CHECKLIST**

General Headings

This *Property Information* checklist is designed to help you list all the property you own and what it is worth. You probably won't own property under all the headings, if not just leave those blank. Under certain headings you may own more property than can be listed on this checklist. If so, use **extra sheets** of paper to list your additional property.

Type

Immediately after the heading for each kind of property is a brief explanation of what property you should list under that heading.

"Owner" of Property

How you own your property is **extremely important** for purposes of properly designing and implementing your estate plan. For each property please indicate how the property is titled. When doing so, please use the following abbreviations:

Owner of Property	Use
If own property in your name only	I
Joint Tenancy with someone other than a spouse, i.e. a child, parent, etc.	JTO
If you cannot determine how the property is owned	?

REAL PROPERTY

TYPE: Any interest in real estate including your family residence, vacation home, time share, vacant land, etc.

General Description and/or Address	Owner	Market Value	Loan Balance
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Total</i>	_____	_____

FURNITURE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

TYPE: List separately only major personal effects such as jewelry, collections, antiques, furs, and all other valuable non-business personal property (*indicate type below and give a lump sum value for miscellaneous, less valuable items.*)

Type or Description	Owner	Market Value
Miscellaneous Furniture and Household Effects (Total)	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
	<i>Total</i>	_____

AUTOMOBILES, BOATS AND RVS

TYPE: For each motor vehicle, boat, RV, etc. please list the following: description, how titled, market value and encumbrance:

BANK & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

TYPE: Checking Account "CA", Savings Account "SA", Certificates of Deposit "CD", Money Market "MM" (*indicate type below*).
Do not include IRAs or 401(k)s here

Name of Institution and account number	Type	Owner	Amount
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
		<i>Total</i>	_____

Note: If Account is in your name (or your spouse's name) for the benefit of a minor, please specify and give minor's name.

BUSINESS INTERESTS

TYPE: General and Limited Partnerships, Sole Proprietorships, privately owned corporations, professional corporations, oil interests, farm and ranch interests. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Give a description of the interests, who has the interest, your ownership in the interests, and the estimated value of the interests.

Total _____

MONEY OWED TO YOU

TYPE: Mortgages or promissory notes payable to you, or other moneys owed to you.

Name of Debtor	Date of Note	Maturity Date	Owed to	Current Balance
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
			<i>Total</i>	_____

ANTICIPATED INHERITANCE, GIFT, OR LAWSUIT JUDGMENT

TYPE: Gifts or inheritances that you expect to receive at some time in the future; or moneys that you anticipate receiving through a judgment in a lawsuit. **Describe in appropriate detail.**

Description _____

Total estimated value _____

OTHER ASSETS

TYPE: Other property is any property that you have that does not fit into any listed category.

Type	Owner	Value
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
		<i>Total</i>

SUMMARY OF VALUES

ASSETS	Amount*		Total Value
	Client	Other's	
Real Property	_____	_____	_____
Furniture and Personal Effects	_____	_____	_____
Automobiles, Boats and RV's	_____	_____	_____
Bank and Savings Accounts	_____	_____	_____
Stocks and Bonds	_____	_____	_____
Life Insurance and Annuities	_____	_____	_____
Retirement Plans	_____	_____	_____
Business Interests	_____	_____	_____
Money owed to you	_____	_____	_____
Anticipated Inheritance, Etc.	_____	_____	_____
Other Assets	_____	_____	_____
Total Assets:	_____	_____	_____

* Values for property owned with other put your percentage in client's column and other's percentage in other's column.

DESIGN INFORMATION

PERSONS TO ACT FOR YOU:

GUARDIAN FOR MINOR CHILDREN: If you have any children under the age of 18, list in order of preference who you wish to be guardian.

Name and Address	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____

INITIAL TRUSTEE(S): Usually you will be the Trustee of your own trust. Allows you to control all of your assets as before.

Name and Address	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____

DISABILITY TRUSTEE: If you were unable to make decisions for yourself, who would you want to make decisions for you with regard to your property and assets?

Name and Address	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

DEATH TRUSTEE: After your death, who do you want carrying out your instructions, for distribution to and, if desired, management of property for your beneficiaries?

Name and Address	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

POWER OF ATTORNEY: If you were unable to make financial decisions for yourself, who would you want to make those decisions for you?

Name	Relationship	Instructions or Guidelines
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Do you want to authorize your Financial Agent to make gifts on your behalf during any period of time you are incapacitated?

Yes No

Gift Power Details: _____

Additional Documentation

General Document Request. In some instances, it is necessary for us to review other documents before we can make planning recommendations. If possible, please bring with you to the initial interview the following documentation:

1. Copies of existing planning documents, including wills, trusts, powers of attorney, health care directives, etc.
2. Copies of all deeds to real estate owned by you.
3. Copies of the most recent statements evidencing your ownership of bank accounts, investment accounts, retirement accounts, and annuities.
4. Copies of any stock or bond certificates
5. Pre or Postnuptial Agreement (if applicable).
6. Long-term care policies (if any).
7. Divorce Decree or Property Settlement Agreement for divorce under which continued obligations exist.

Congratulations on completing this questionnaire.

YOU ARE NOW ONE STEP CLOSER TO MAKING YOUR LEGACY MATTER.