Estate Planning Checklist

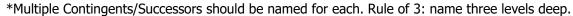


Direct the Right Property to the Right People at the Right Time

Estate Planning Should Cover the 5 D's: Disability, Death, Discord, Divorce & Distress

Key Areas to Discuss with your attorney and share with other key advisors

A	Items to Address	Designated In
	Disability - What happens if you are injured or ill? □ Define what it means to be disabled or incapacitated and who makes the determination □ Name a Health Care Agent(s)* who will make medical decisions while you are disabled or incapacitated □ Delineate which medical services and treatments are unacceptable and establish limits for others □ Provide directions for treatment of remains after death □ Name Attorney(s)-in-Fact* who will make financial and legal decisions and control assets during your disability or incapacitation □ Provide and Limit powers of your Attorney-in-Fact	Medical Directive/Living Will Medical Directive/Living Will Medical Directive/Living Will Medical Directive/Living Will Durable Power of Attorney Durable Power of Attorney
	 Death - Who will take care of everything?* □ Estate Executor/Personal Representative □ Trustee(s) including Independent & Corporate □ Guardian - Care of Minor Children and/or Dependent Adult □ Custodian - Financial control of assets for Minor Children or Dependent Adult □ Digital and/or Specialty Asset Steward - Email, Social Media, Intellectual Property, Collections, etc. 	Will Trust Will Will Durable Power of Attorney
	 Death - Assets & Beneficiaries* - Who gets what after death? □ Update Beneficiary Designations* □ Specific Bequests of real estate, tangible personal property, etc. □ Residual assets not otherwise beneficiary-designated, held in trust or passing by operation of law (joint tenancy), Pour-over or Probate? □ Estate settlement expenses (including taxes) allocated to shares? □ Children born after document is drafted and Stepchildren □ Resulting Trust(s) for beneficiaries, including Family, Marital, Credit Shelter, Disclaimer, Special Needs, etc. □ Charitable - organizations, endowment, donor advised fund, etc. □ Give right to others or exercise any rights given in the estate planning documents of others (Power of Appointments) □ Not including someone - Disinheritance; Spousal/Dependent Election 	Account Form Will & Trust Will Will & Trust





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	Distributions after Death - When do they get it? ☐ Outright distribution, termination, or Resulting Trust? ☐ Resulting Trust benchmarks - age, number of years, goal, etc. ☐ Mandatory/Discretionary - Principal & Income ☐ Standards for Discretionary - Health, Education, Maintenance, and Support (HEMS), consider other assets, more/less inclusive ☐ Special Discretionary Provisions - 1st Wedding, Graduate School, Business Start-Up ☐ Uneconomical Termination ☐ Special considerations - Tax elections, Special Needs, Business, Loans, Investment Concerns	Will & Trust Trust Trust Trust Trust Trust Trust Trust
	Discord, Divorce and Financial Distress - How to resolve polarizing issues? □ Process for the Removal, Replacement, Vacancy and Appointment of Successor Trustee(s) □ Process for Fiduciary disputes, including tie-breakers □ Spendthrift for Divorce, Bankruptcy, Creditors, and Addiction □ No-Contest Clause □ Fees for Fiduciaries □ Rule of Three: Name Multiple Levels For All Fiduciaries & Beneficiaries	Trust Will & Trust Trust Will & Trust Will & Trust All Documents

Ongoing Process: Five, Dime & Any Time Rule

FIVE: Review all documents every five years. Understand it? Still meets needs?

DIME: Every ten years, sit down with an attorney for a thorough legal review.

ANY TIME: Meet with an attorney and advisors any time there is a major life event:

Birth, Death, Marriage, Divorce, Retirement, etc.

Yes, I would like to meet and discuss further

Name:	
Date:	
The best time to call me:	
Phone Number:	
Items to discuss:	

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