

Estate Planning Worksheet

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USING THIS ORGANIZER WILL ASSIST US IN DESIGNING AN ESTATE PLAN THAT MEETS YOUR GOALS.
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Part I

Personal Information

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

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

DOB _____ US Citizen? _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ County of Residence _____

Social Security Number _____

☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced

Date of Marriage: _____

Client's Spouse or Second Grantor's Legal Name _____
(name most often used to title property and accounts)

Also Known As _____

DOB _____ US Citizen? _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ County of Residence _____

Social Security Number _____

Children and Other Family Members

Name	Date of Birth	Parent or Relationship
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Home Address _____	City _____	State _____ Zip _____
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Phone _____	Comments: _____
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Phone _____	Comments: _____
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Advisors

	Name	Telephone
Personal Attorney		
Accountant		
Financial Advisor		
Life Insurance Agent		

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	
	Client	Spouse
Desire to get affairs in order and create a comprehensive plan to manage affairs in case of death or disability.		
Providing for and protecting a spouse.		
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.		
Protecting children's inheritance in the event of a surviving spouse's remarriage.		

Other Concerns (Please list below):

Important Family Questions

(Please check "Yes" or "No" for your answers)	Yes	No
Are you (or your spouse) receiving Social Security, disability, or other governmental benefits? <i>If Yes, describe below:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you (or your spouse) making payments pursuant to a divorce or property settlement order? <i>Please furnish a copy.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If married, have you and your spouse signed a pre- or post-marriage contract? <i>Please furnish a copy.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you (or your spouse) been widowed? <i>If a federal estate tax return or a state death tax return was filed, please furnish a copy.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you (or your spouse) ever filed federal or state gift tax returns? <i>Please furnish copies of these returns.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you (or your spouse) completed previous will, trust, or estate planning? <i>Please furnish copies of these documents.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If married, have you lived in any of the following states while married to each other? <i>Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington, or Wisconsin.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you (or your spouse) currently the beneficiary of anyone else's trust? <i>If so, please explain below.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do any of your children have special educational, medical, or physical needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do any of your children receive governmental support or benefits?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you provide primary or other financial support to adult children or others?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Information

Part II

Property Information

Instructions for completing the Property Information checklist:

General Headings

This **Property Information** checklist helps you list all the property you own and what it is worth. If you do not own property under a particular heading, just leave that section blank. Under certain headings, you may own more property than can be listed on this checklist. If so, attach 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 married, Client’s name alone, with no other person		C
If married, Spouse’s name alone, with no other person		S
If married, Joint Tenancy with spouse		JTS
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, timeshare, 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
<i>Miscellaneous Furniture and Household Effects (Total)</i>		
	<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 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 Last 4 of 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.

Stocks and Bonds

TYPE: List all stocks and bonds you own. If held in a brokerage account, lump them together under each account. (*indicate type below*)

Stocks, Bonds or Investment Accounts	Type	Acct Number	Owner	Amount
			<i>Total:</i>	

Life Insurance Policies and Annuities

TYPE: Term, whole life, split dollar, group life, annuity. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Insurance company, type, face amount (death benefit), whose life is insured, who owns the policy, the current beneficiaries, who pays the premium, and who is the life insurance agent.

Total: _____

Retirement Plans

TYPE: Pension (P), Profit Sharing (PS), H.R. 10, IRA, SEP, 401(K). **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Describe the type of plan, the plan name, the current value of the plan, and any other pertinent information.

Total:

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
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	Total:	

Summary of Values

Assets	Amount*		
	Client	Spouse	Total Value
Real Property			
Furniture and Personal Effects			
Automobiles, Boats and RVs			
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:			

** Joint Property values= enter ½ in Client's column and ½ in Spouse's column.*

Comments:

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Part III

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	Address	Relationship
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

INITIAL TRUSTEE(S): Usually the Maker will be the Trustee of his or her own trust. Often, both spouses, jointly. Allows you to continue to jointly control your assets as before. If the Maker will not act as Trustee the following person will act as Trustee:

Name	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	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?

CLIENT'S AGENT

Name	Relationship	Special Instructions
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SPOUSE'S AGENT

Name	Relationship	Special Instructions
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

Client: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Spouse: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Gifting Power Details: _____

LIVING WILL:

Do you want to provide that the moment of your death not be unnecessarily prolonged by artificial means or measures? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you want to provide that your organs and tissues should be made available for transplant purposes? ☐ Yes ☐ No

HEALTH CARE:

If you were unable to make decisions for yourself, who would you want to make decisions for you about medical treatment?

CLIENT'S HEALTHCARE AGENT NAME/ ADDRESS/ PHONE

Name	Relationship	Special Instructions
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SPOUSE'S HEALTHCARE AGENT NAME/ ADDRESS/ PHONE

Name	Relationship	Special Instructions
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Do you want to authorize your Medical Agent to take whatever steps are necessary to keep you in a personal residence rather than a nursing home? Client: ☐ Yes ☐ No Spouse: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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DISTRIBUTIONS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SPECIFIC GIFTS

USE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY MEMORANDUM: Do you want to include that your personal property will be distributed pursuant to a written list you may prepare later? ☐ Yes ☐ No

SPECIFIC GIFTS: List any specific gifts of real estate or cash gifts you wish to make to either individuals or charities. Indicate whether these gifts are to be made even if the other spouse is alive.

FOR CLIENT:		
Individual or Charity	Amount or Property	Contingent on Spouse Predeceasing?

FOR SPOUSE:		
Individual or Charity	Amount or Property	Contingent on Client Predeceasing?

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PROVIDING FOR THE SURVIVING SPOUSE UPON DEATH OF FIRST SPOUSE TO DIE

☐ **TO SURVIVING SPOUSE WITHOUT TAX PLANNING:** We recognize this does not provide any tax planning which may result in our beneficiaries paying significant optional estate taxes.

- ☐ All to surviving spouse. ☐ _____ % to surviving spouse.
☐ Minimum allowed by law to surviving spouse.

☐ **DIVIDE INTO MARITAL AND FAMILY TRUSTS:** Designed to maximize estate tax savings. To accomplish this, an amount up to the applicable exclusion amount will be transferred to the Family Trust and the balance, if any, to the Marital Trust. This is sometimes referred to as "A/B Trust Planning." The Marital Trust is sometimes referred to as the "A Trust" or "QTIP Trust." The Family Trust is sometimes referred to as the "B Trust," "By-Pass Trust," or "Credit Shelter Trust." Also provides protections for surviving spouse from creditors and predators. You decide how much control you want the surviving spouse to have. In the event of remarriage, it protects property for your heirs from a new spouse in case of death or divorce.

MARITAL DEDUCTION FORMULA (OFFICE USE ONLY):

- ☐ Disclaimer Provision ☐ Clayton Election.
☐ Marital Pecuniary. ☐ Marital Fractional.
☐ Credit Shelter Pecuniary.

DESIGN OF MARITAL SHARE:

☐ **OUTRIGHT:** We want to leave property outright to the surviving spouse. We recognize that this offers no protection from creditors or predators. Allows surviving spouse to leave property to whomever surviving spouse wants. Also allows a new spouse to possibly make claim on property in case of death or divorce.

☐ **GENERAL APPOINTMENT TRUST:** All income and principal are available to the surviving spouse upon demand. The surviving spouse is free to do as he or she pleases. This would include the ability to remove all property in the Marital Share from the trust.

☐ **ALL INCOME – PRINCIPAL FOR NEEDS:** All income is distributed to surviving spouse; principal is available for his or her needs (health, education, maintenance, and support).

☐ **ONLY INCOME:** Only income is distributed to surviving spouse. Principal is not available to the surviving spouse.

DESIGN OF FAMILY SHARE:

☐ **ALL INCOME – PRINCIPAL FOR NEEDS:** All income is distributed to surviving spouse; principal is available for his or her needs (health, education, maintenance, and support).

☐ Descendants are permissible beneficiaries of principal.

☐ **INCOME AND PRINCIPAL FOR NEEDS:** All income and principal is available for needs. Income may be accumulated and not distributed.

☐ Descendants are permissible beneficiaries of income and/or principal.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING LIFETIME DISTRIBUTIONS: Is surviving spouse the sole trustee with a right to appoint co-trustees (surviving spouse then determines the management and distributions for his or her needs)? Do you wish to name someone to be the co-trustee with the surviving spouse? _____

☐ **LIMITED POWER OF APPOINTMENT:** Do you want the surviving spouse to be able to modify the way property is distributed upon the surviving spouse's death?

If so, to whom may the surviving spouse distribute your property:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your descendants. | <input type="checkbox"/> Your descendants and their spouses. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your descendants and charities. | <input type="checkbox"/> Your descendants, their spouses and charities. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anyone, no limitations. | |

DIVISION OF PROPERTY UPON DEATH OF SECOND SPOUSE TO DIE

- ☐ **Divide equally between our children and the descendants of any deceased children:**
☐ **Divide among named individuals and/or Charities:**

HOW AND WHEN TO DISTRIBUTE MY PROPERTY:

☐ **DISTRIBUTE OUTRIGHT TO OUR BENEFICIARIES:** Provides no protection from creditors, predators, or from themselves.

☐ **STRUCTURED TRUST:** You determine how long the property is to remain in trust. During the period the property is held in trust it is available to the beneficiary for needs (health, education, maintenance, and support). You may give written instructions to the trustee outlining guidelines to follow in determining the beneficiary's needs. You may provide for a staggered distribution of principal. For example: 1/3 at age 30 and balance at age 40. You decide who will manage the property and to carry out your distribution instructions. Does the beneficiary have a right to be a co-trustee and/or choose his or her own co-trustee? You decide how the trust is designed. List your desires below:

REMOTE CONTINGENT BENEFICIARY: Who do you want to receive your property in the remote event that no one listed above is alive to receive your property? Determining the remote contingent beneficiary is not so important that it should cause you to delay completion of your entire estate plan. It can always be changed at a later date.

In the remote event no one listed above is alive to receive my property I want my property distributed as follows:

- ☐ To each spouse's heirs-at-law.
☐ One-half to Client's heirs-at-law and one-half to Spouse's heirs-at-law.
☐ To the following named individuals and/or charities:

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