# ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHEET

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Thinking about death, accident or illness is never pleasant. However, if something does happen, it's good to know that family members will not be forced into making uninformed decisions, or be burdened with excessive administrative details. Planning ahead is much more efficient, inexpensive and thoughtful than burdening a family during a period of grief.

Wills, living trusts, and powers of attorney can be very important in preserving our assets and in getting property where we want it to go. Without a will or living trust, upon a person's death, that person's assets are disposed of according to state law, which may or may not match the deceased person's desires.

A living trust offers complete control to clients during their lifetime, provides for them and their loved ones in the event of their incapacity, and on death allows them to pass their assets to their loved ones without the *costs, delays and publicity* associated with probate.

Our office specializes in estate planning with an emphasis on revocable living trusts for individuals, couples, and families.

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

#### ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS WORKSHEET PRIOR TO YOUR NEXT APPOINTMENT. HOWEVER, THIS WORKSHEET IS JUST A STARTING POINT. DO NOT BE CONCERNED IF YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO COMPLETE IT. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF TIME TO OBTAIN ALL OF THE NECESSARY INFORMATION AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Client 1 Legal Name				
	(name most often used to title			
Birth date				
Home Address				e Zip
Home Telephone				
Employer				
□ Married: Date of Marriage		Divorced	□ Widowed	□ Single □ Domestic Partner
Client 2 Legal Name	(nome most often used to title	property and acco	ounte)	
Birth date				
Home Telephone				
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Employer		e-mai		·
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Name				Parent or Relationship
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Address:				
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### **ADVISORS**

	Name	Telephone
Personal Attorney		 
Accountant		 
Financial Advisor		 
Life Insurance Agent		 

## PROPERTY INFORMATION REAL PROPERTY

**TYPE:** Any interest in real estate including your family residence, vacation home, time share, vacant land, etc. Please bring copies of all Deeds to your appointment.

General Description and/or Address	Owner	Market Value	Loan Balance
	Total		

## **BANK & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

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

Name of Institution and account number	Туре	Owner	Amount (optional)
		Total	

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.

## **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.

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## **STOCKS AND BONDS**

**TYPE:** List any and all stocks and bonds you own. <u>Alternatively, you may attach a current statement</u>. If held in a brokerage account, lump them together under each account. *(indicate type below)* 

Stocks, Bonds or Investment Accounts	Туре	Acct. Number	Owner	Amount (optional)
			Total	

## LIFE INSURANCE POLICES AND ANNUITIES

**TYPE:** Term, whole life, split dollar, group life, annuity. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** You may provide a copy of the Policy description page. It is usually within the first few pages of the life policy.

#### 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

#### **OTHER ASSETS**

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

Туре	Owner	Value
	Total	

## **DESIGN INFORMATION**

#### PERSONS TO ACT FOR YOU:

to be <u>guardian</u> .	
Name and Address	Relationship
1	
2	
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE: After your death, or if married, after your instructions, for distribution and, if a	both spouses have passed, who would you want carrying out desired, management of property for your beneficiaries?
Name and Address	Relationship
1	
2	
3	
	ble to make <u>FINANCIAL</u> decisions for yourself, who would you you? If married, you need not list your spouse as #1.
Name, Address & Telephone	Relationship
1	
2	
3	
CLIENT 2 AGENT CHOICES	
Name, Address & Telephone	Relationship
1	
2	
3	
	able to make <u>MEDICAL</u> decisions for yourself, who would you to your medical treatment? <b>If married, you need not list you</b>
CLIENT 1 AGENT CHOICES	
Name, Address & Telephone	Relationship
1	
2	
3	
CLIENT 2 AGENT CHOICES	
Name, Address & Telephone	Relationship
1	
2	
3	

## DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR TRUST ESTATE

#### DIVISION OF PROPERTY UPON YOUR DEATH OR UPON DEATH OF SECOND SPOUSE/PARTNER TO DIE

# DIVIDE EQUALLY BETWEEN OUR CHILDREN AND THE DESCENDANTS OF ANY DECEASED CHILDREN: DIVIDE AMONG NAMED INDIVIDUALS and/or CHARITIES in the FOLLOWING PERCENTAGES:

#### HOW AND WHEN TO DISTRIBUTE MY PROPERTY:

#### DISTRIBUTE OUTRIGHT TO OUR BENEFICIARIES.

**STRUCTURED TRUST:** You determine how long the property is to remain in trust. During the period of time the property is held in trust it is available to the beneficiary for needs (health, education and maintenance). You may give written instructions to the trustee outlining guidelines to be followed in determining the beneficiary's needs. You may provide for a staggered distribution of principal; i.e. 1/3 at age 30 and balance at age 40. You decide who is the one to manage the property and to carry out your distribution instructions. You decide how the trust is designed. List your desires:



**OTHER ITEMS TO INCLUDE OR DISCUSS:** Obviously your estate plan should address all your hopes, fears and wishes please list any other items you want included or want to discuss: