

# BE PREPARED FOR THE Unexpected

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If the last few years of the pandemic have taught us anything, it's that we should always prepare for the unexpected and it's more important than ever to plan for any unforeseen life events, illnesses or accidents. While it can feel like a somber item to check off your to-do list, it's critical to have an appropriate estate plan to ensure that you and your loved ones are properly taken care of in the event of a death or life-changing injury.

Estate planning can seem daunting and overwhelming but if you have a trusted attorney, they can act as a consultant and advisor to help you navigate all the intricacies of estate planning and what that should look like for you and your family. Just like you hire a financial planner to manage your money, or visit your doctor for routine health visits, having a family attorney that you can turn to in times of need or to protect your interests can make all the difference in securing your family's future.

Without an estate plan, you leave yourself vulnerable to the courts deciding on how to divvy family assets, which can take years to resolve and can become very costly as attorney's fees start to pile on. More importantly it can cause extreme emotional distress, discord amongst family

members, and can damage familial relationships, especially among siblings.

By proactively creating an estate plan you choose who will control your finances and assets should you become incapacitated or after you die, quell any future family strife and most importantly, ensure that your assets are handled in the way that you intended. You can create individualized plans and arrange for your assets to be put into trusts for your spouse and children for their support or financial needs or to protect them from creditors. Most significantly, creating an estate plan will allow you to appoint a guardian to take care of your minor children in the event of the death of both spouses whereas the courts would otherwise appoint



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one for you. Moreover, establishing a proper estate plan will also help avoid costly estate taxes and income taxes to your beneficiaries.

In addition to estate planning, it's equally as important to have a trusted attorney to guide you through your next real estate transaction. Whether you are nearing retirement and ready to sell and downsize, or buying your first house, the real estate process can be intimidating and unfamiliar. Your real estate attorney will mitigate the risks involved in any real estate transaction by reviewing and interpreting contracts, assisting in the loan application process, negotiating any issues raised on property disclosures or home inspections, and ensuring all closing documents and instruments are properly prepared and filed.



Whether you are planning for the near future or making long-term plans, having a reputable and knowledgeable attorney can make all the difference in ensuring a secure future for you and your family. I take immense pride in

helping my clients in some of the biggest moments of their life including buying and selling family homes and securing their family's financial legacy. I look forward to working with and meeting more community members and helping Park Ridge residents with any legal needs.

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