

ESTATE PLANNING CLIENT INTAKE FORM
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INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the following form. **Make sure to save the document to your computer before filling it out. If you do not first save the document before completing the form, your information will be lost. Open, save, and complete the form before sending it to us.** If you are unsure what to put or whether a question applies to your situation, you may leave it blank.

Please be sure to complete the summary of assets on the final pages of this form. It is important that we get a comprehensive overview of your financial circumstances so that we can work with you to prepare an estate plan that best meets your needs. We will be relying on information that is provided to us by you with respect to such things as your family information, estate planning goals, the assets you own, how assets are titled, the value of the assets, and the amount of any debts against the assets. If the information provided to us is not correct, then the plan we prepare for you may not be appropriate or may not work as intended. Therefore, please make sure that all information you provide to us is accurate. If you are unsure about any of that information, please let us know so that we can help you make sure the information is correct.

Once you have completed the form, please mail, fax, e-mail, or drop the form by our office. A member of our firm will be in contact with you to discuss the form.

CLIENT INFORMATION

Date: _____

Client's Full Legal Name: _____

Spouse's Full Legal Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

County of Residence: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Facsimile: _____

E-Mail: _____

Marital status: _____ Date of Marriage: _____

SSN: Client _____ Spouse _____

Date of birth: Client _____ Spouse _____

Citizenship: Client _____ Spouse _____

Have you or your spouse been married previously? _____

Have you or your spouse ever resided in Alaska, Wisconsin, Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, New Mexico, Nevada, Texas or Washington? (Circle the state) If so, please provide the dates of residence in each of the above states:

Do you have current Wills? _____ If yes, please bring all originals to our appointment.

FAMILY INFORMATION

Please list the legal names and birthdays of all of your children, and whether they have children of their own. Please also include the names of any *deceased* children and whether they had any children.

Spouse #1 (You) Children	Date of Birth	# and Age of Grandchildren
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Spouse #2 Children	Date of Birth	# and Age of Grandchildren
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Are there any instances of adoption in your family (including adoption of a child by a Grandparent, a Parent, you, a Step Parent or another family member)?_____If yes, please describe:

ESTATE PLANNING INFORMATION

A **personal representative, or executor**, is the person who manages your assets after your death, coordinates with the probate court, and distributes your estate according to your Will. Who would you like to be your personal representative?

	<u>Legal Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address (if not a relative)</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

A **trustee** is the person who will manage assets after your death for any minor children, minor grandchildren, or disabled beneficiaries of your estate, or, for your surviving spouse, as applicable. A trustee may also be appointed to manage your assets during your own lifetime in certain circumstances. Who should be your trustee?

	<u>Legal Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address (if not a relative)</u>
1.	_____		
2.	_____		
3.	_____		

A **guardian** is the person who will take care of your minor children, after your death. Who should be the guardian of your minor children?

	<u>Legal Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address (if not a relative)</u>
1.	_____		
2.	_____		
3.	_____		

Exclude a former spouse? _____ Name: _____

A **General Durable Power of Attorney** authorizes someone to act on your behalf for financial and medical decisions during your lifetime. Who would you like to act on your behalf? (You may separate out medical and financial powers).

	<u>Legal Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address (if not a relative)</u>
1.	_____		
2.	_____		
3.	_____		

A **living will**, also called an "Advance Directive for Medical/Surgical Treatment" is a document in which you specify in advance whether or for how long you would like life support and artificial nutrition and hydration continued under certain circumstances. Do you want a living will? Spouse #1 (You) _____ Spouse #2 _____

The beneficiaries who are designated on your various investments, retirement accounts, and life insurance policies should be coordinated with your Wills. Do you have retirement accounts, life insurance policies, annuities, or other accounts that need beneficiary designation forms directing that these assets should pass upon your death in harmony with you Will?

Please note if any special family circumstances are applicable:

Do you want to disinherit anyone? _____

Is anyone likely to contest your Will? _____

Is anyone on governmental assistance? _____

Does anyone have special needs, disabilities, or addictions? _____

Will anyone need to enter a nursing home soon? _____

Does anyone have creditor problems? _____

Is divorce a concern for anyone? _____

Other: _____

Please list any special financial circumstances:

Continuing obligations from a prior divorce? _____

Prenuptial or other marital agreement? _____

Have you or your spouse ever filed gift tax returns? _____

Non-Colorado assets? _____

Oil, Gas, Mineral Interests? _____

Agricultural interests? _____

Water rights? _____

Time-share or vacation home? _____

Family business? _____

Are you the beneficiary of any existing trust? _____

Total combined estate close to or over \$5 million? _____

Do you have a long-term care policy? _____

If yes, what are the benefits payable? _____

Other: _____

DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE:

1. Would you like to make gifts of specific assets under your Will? If so, please describe:

2. Please describe how you would like the rest of your estate distributed.

3. If any of the above beneficiaries are deceased, who would you want to be your contingent beneficiary or beneficiaries?

4. The Will's trust provision allows your Personal Representative to hold the gift to any beneficiary in trust until he or she reaches age 25. Please indicate if you would like the age of trust dissolution and outright distribution to be different than age 25.

5. Do you have a written list of your passwords and other information relating to your digital assets, and have you advised your agents and nominated personal representative of the location of this information? Yes_____No_____

6. Are you interested in discussing Medicaid Planning for yourself or another family member? Yes_____No_____

SUMMARY OF ASSETS

Please list all of your assets on the below form. You may use "ballpark" figures, but it is important that this list is filled out completely, including an indication of the ownership of each asset.

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>SPOUSE #1 (You)</u>	<u>SPOUSE #2</u>	<u>JOINT</u>	<u>TENANTS IN COMMON</u>
<u>REAL ESTATE</u> Home				
Other Real Estate				
<u>CASH AND SECURITIES</u> Cash and Checking Accounts				
Savings Accounts				

CDs, T-Bills, etc.				
Stocks/Bonds/Mutual Funds				
U.S. Savings Bonds				
Other				
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u> Cars				
Household Furnishings				
Jewelry				
Recreation Equipment				
Collectibles				
Other				
<u>OTHER</u> Life Insurance				
Pension Death Benefits - Circle: IRA, KEOGH, Profit Sharing, Other				
Annuities				
Business Interests				
Loans Receivable				
Oil, Gas and Other Minerals				
Prospective Inheritances				
Digital Assets				
Intellectual Property Rights				
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>				

<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
<u>MORTGAGES</u> Home				
Other Real Estate				
<u>OTHER LOANS</u> Cars				
Other				
Unsecured Debts				
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>				
<u>NET ESTATES</u>				
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>				
<u>YEARLY INCOME</u>				

Explanation of Billing and Other Policies

We are giving this explanation of our billing procedures to you as a potential client. Please do not hesitate to ask us any questions you may have regarding our usual billing practices.

1. **Attorneys Fees.** Fees are based on the time it takes to perform your services, and are calculated at each attorney's or staff member's hourly rate. The hourly rates are \$275.00 per hour for David W. Kirch, Esq. (\$350.00 per hour for litigation or complex matters), \$235.00 per hour for Charles E. Rounds, Esq. (\$285.00 per hour for litigation or complex matters), \$200.00 per hour for Emily L. Bowman, Esq. (250.00 per hour for litigation or complex matters), \$200.00 per hour for Gerard F. Deffenbaugh, Esq. (250.00 per hour for litigation or complex matters), \$200.00 per hour for associate attorneys (\$250.00 per hour for litigation or complex matters), \$135.00 per hour for Paralegals, and \$125.00 per hour for Legal Assistants and Law Clerks. Time is kept in 1/10 of an hour increments. Internally, time is recorded for all services rendered on your behalf, including, but not limited to, research, drafting, document review, telephone and office conferences, conferences with attorneys within the firm and outside the firm, correspondence (including e-mail correspondence), execution of documents, preparing and filing estate administration and litigation documents with the court, and if any matter requires litigation, drafting and filing pleadings, appearing at court and depositions, trial preparation, and trial.

2. **Estimates.** We do not offer a "free initial consultation" other than for time discussing our qualifications and services. Any estimate given for services is just that: an estimate. Completion of your services may take more or less time than originally estimated depending on your individual needs. We do follow a practice of giving fee estimates for estate planning work once our client intake form has been filled out and returned to us and we have had a chance to gather and review any other necessary information about the potential client's situation. Your completion and our review of a client intake form does not, in itself, constitute the creation of any attorney-client relationship or oblige you to pay for our time until you have asked us to perform work on your behalf. Because we customarily bill monthly, you will be aware within a relatively short period of time of the work being performed and its cost.

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