

Think you don't have any assets for an estate plan?

Most people have more assets than they realize:

- Life insurance
- Home Ownership
- 401k, IRA, and other retirement accounts
- Inheritance from another family member

ESTATE PLANS PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

It's not just about assets. An estate plan also protects your children and loved ones, and provides for them should you face an untimely death.

INCAPACITY PLANNING

If you were to become incapacitated, who would manage your bank accounts and make decisions regarding your health care? Planning for this protects you and your loved ones.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T PLAN?

Without proper planning, the courts decide who takes care of you, your children, and your property if you become incapacitated. Without a Last Will or Trust, the courts also decide how your assets are distributed after you die. If you want to avoid the courts making these decisions for you, designing your estate plan is essential.



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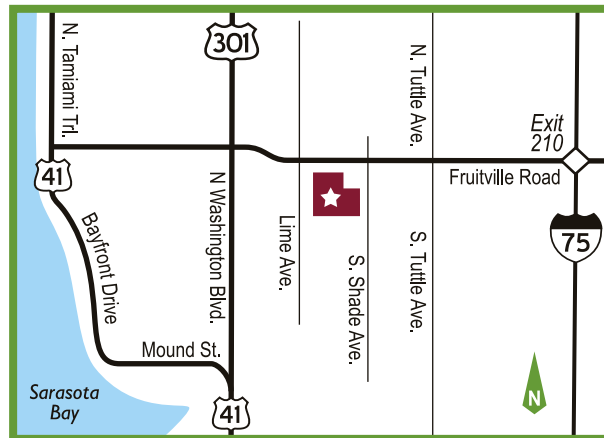
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Do I Need An Estate Plan?

If any of the below applies to you, then the answer to this question is

YES.

- You want to provide for children, grandchildren, and/or loved ones.
- You want to choose who takes care of and makes decisions for you, your family, and your property if you become incapacitated.
- You want to choose how your assets are distributed if you die unexpectedly.

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How Do We Design an Estate Plan?

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES: State your wishes and name the people who will make decisions for you if you should become incapacitated. Includes a Living Will, Health Care Surrogate Designation, and other important documents.

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY: Used primarily for financial management of assets during incapacity.

LAST WILL: States your final wishes for your assets and guardianship of your minor children. It is presented to a probate court after your death, and the court makes sure that your final wishes are carried out.

REVOCABLE TRUST: Also states your last wishes for your assets and care of your children. A properly funded trust avoids probate. Trusts allow for more detailed and personalized options for how your assets are distributed and how your children or loved ones are cared for after your death or if you become incapacitated.

PROVIDING FOR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, & LOVED ONES

- Name guardians for your children.
- Provide for care of your children.
- Provide financially for your children, grandchildren, and loved ones.
- Protect your assets from your children or grandchildren while they are young.
- Protect your assets for the benefit of your loved ones: protect against their creditors, their spouse if the marriage should fail, or against predators.
- Give instructions to future caregivers on how you want children to be raised if you are unable to raise them yourself.
- Protect against accidentally disinherit your children or grandchildren.

DESIGNING A PLAN FOR INCAPACITY

- Create proper documents to give a person you name the legal power to manage your finances.
- Name who you want to make health decisions for you if you are unable to.
- Create the proper documentation if you do not want to be artificially kept alive.
- Name who you want to take care of your children if you are incapacitated.

DESIGNING A PLAN FOR YOUR ASSETS

- Asset protection for your loved ones.
- Protect against your children or grandchildren inheriting assets while still too young to manage them.
- Management of your assets after your death. You get to say who gets what, how, and when (within the limits of the law).
- Minimize the income tax liability of your estate.

ABOUT MCKILLOP LAW FIRM

We are a family-run law firm with offices located in Sarasota and Jacksonville, Florida. We provide estate planning services to clients anywhere in the State of Florida from our Sarasota-based estate planning team.

We recognize it's very difficult for most of us to think about the topics of death, incapacity, and what happens to your children and loved ones if you're not around.

We take pride in working with you to make the estate planning process straightforward and understandable, giving you the peace of mind that you have a plan in place should the unthinkable occur. Our team will design a comprehensive end of life and incapacity plan tailored to your individual and family needs.

