



ESTATE PLANNING INFORMATION PACKET

(PLEASE COMPLETE THIS PACKET IN INK)

We must have this Information Packet returned to us at least three days prior to our meeting (this will ensure we have enough time to understand the specifics of your situation before our meeting). If you need assistance completing the information, call our office (818-206-2222) and we will help you.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT TOTAL ACCURACY – JUST DO THE BEST YOU CAN

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!!

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

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

Prefer to be called _____ Birth date _____ SS# _____ US Citizen? _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone Number _____ Business Telephone _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Business Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ ☐ It is okay to communicate with me via E-mail.

☐ Married: Date of Marriage _____ ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐ Single

☐ Cohabiting: Domestic Partnership Registration Filed? _____

Partner's Signature Name _____
(name most often used to title property and accounts)

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

Prefer to be called _____ Birth date _____ SS# _____ US Citizen? _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone Number _____ Business Telephone _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

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CHILDREN AND/OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS OR BENEFICIARIES

(Use full legal name. For stepparents, note "H" if only husband is the biological parent, note "W" if only wife is the biological parent.)

Name	Birth date	Parent or Relationship
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

ADVISORS

Name	Telephone
Accountant _____	_____
Financial Advisor _____	_____
Life Insurance Agent _____	_____

YOUR PLANNING OBJECTIVES

Please identify the reasons you are considering planning or areas you would like to learn more about (select as many as you wish):

Preserve and Maximize Assets

- ☐ By minimizing taxes during your life (income taxes, capital gains taxes, estate taxes on inheritances you expect to receive)
- ☐ By minimizing or eliminating estate taxes upon your death (up to 55% of your assets and life insurance benefits)
- ☐ By reducing estate administration costs through probate avoidance
- ☐ Avoid or limit MediCal claims on your assets should you require long-term care
- ☐ Ensure that a special needs beneficiary has assets that are protected from government seizure while retaining eligibility for needed services
- ☐ Ensure that your family has enough life insurance to provide a comfortable lifestyle no matter what
- ☐ By ensuring that your assets are passed to your descendants and not given away to outsiders, such as spouses, creditors or the government

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Protect Yourself and Your Spouse

- ☐ From malpractice or other creditor claims
- ☐ From conservatorship proceedings (aka “living probate”) if you or your partner become incapacitated
- ☐ From probate delays and stress upon your death or the death of your partner
- ☐ From hospital policies requiring life sustaining procedures when you would rather not endure them
- ☐ From healthcare decisions made by people other than those you trust most

Protect Your Children or other Beneficiaries

- ☐ From predators who can discover inheritance amounts and target young or vulnerable beneficiaries
- ☐ From claims of divorced spouses to take half of your child or beneficiary’s inheritance
- ☐ From malpractice claims, for beneficiaries in the professions
- ☐ From other creditors’ claims (such as car accident plaintiffs)
- ☐ From the stress and delays of the average 16-month process of probate
- ☐ From the financial immaturity resulting in a quick loss of an inheritance
- ☐ From sharing assets with heirs you would rather disinherit
- ☐ From litigation claims by disinherited heirs
- ☐ *For parents only:* from relatives who would be poor, abusive or even dangerous guardians or from foster care
- ☐ *For parents only:* from acquaintances and relatives who should not be allowed to be alone with your children
- ☐ *For special needs beneficiary only:* from neglect in the government care system

Achieve your Dreams

- ☐ Have clarity about your life purpose, goals and dreams
- ☐ Benefit a charitable organization or activity
- ☐ Support a common family goal through coordinated planning
- ☐ *For parents only:* By providing guidelines for how your children should be supported while their assets are in trust.
- ☐ *For special needs beneficiaries only:* By providing instructions, people, and assets to support your special needs beneficiaries above a poverty lifestyle
- ☐ *For business owners only:* By providing for the orderly continuation and transfer of family business interests rather than a distress sale

IMPORTANT FAMILY QUESTIONS

HUSBAND

WIFE

Do you have a will, trust, or other estate planning document? *Please furnish copies of these documents*

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you making payments pursuant to a divorce or property settlement order? *Please furnish a copy*

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No

If married have you and your spouse signed a pre- or post-marriage contract? *Please furnish a copy*

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you or any of your children or other beneficiaries have disabilities, serious health problems or other special needs? *If yes, please describe below*

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you own a business?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you own a long-term care (nursing home) insurance policy?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you own any property that is not community property?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you (or your spouse) ever filed federal or state gift tax returns? *Please furnish copies of these returns.*

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you support any charitable organizations now that you wish to make provisions for at the time of your death? *If so, please explain below.*

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you (or your spouse) currently the beneficiary of anyone else's trust? *If so, please explain below.*

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM ABOVE OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO TELL ME.

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FAMILY VALUES

Rate the following values in order of their importance to you from “Most Important” to “Least Important.”
Feel free to leave blank any item you do not wish to rank.

	Most Important	Important	Neutral	Least Important
▪ Cultural values such as art, music, travel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Economic values such as financial responsibility, frugality, savings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Educational values such as study, self-improvement, academic achievements, lifelong learning.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Emotional values such as compassion, kindness, generosity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Ethical values such as honesty, fairness, justice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Material values such as possessions, social standing, rank and title.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Personal values such as modesty, loyalty, independence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Philanthropic values such as volunteer work, donations (time and money).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Physical values such as health, relaxation, exercise, appearance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Public values such as citizenship, community involvement, public service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Recreational values such as sports, leisure time, hobbies, vacations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Relationship values such as family, friends, colleagues.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Spiritual values such as faith, belief in God, inner peace.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Work values such as effort, competence, professional recognition and success.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

INCOME/ASSET/LIABILITY INFORMATION

Please list your income/asset/liability information in the appropriate section below.

Attach additional pages, if necessary.

INCOME:	<u>Husband</u>	<u>Community/Joint</u>	<u>Wife</u>
Earned Monthly Income from Labor:	_____	_____	_____
Monthly Social Security Income:	_____	_____	_____
Monthly Pension Income:	_____	_____	_____
Other Monthly Income:	_____	_____	_____

ASSETS:

REAL PROPERTY

Please list any interest in real estate including your family residence, vacation home, time share or vacant land.
(please list manner in which title held – Joint Tenant, Community Property, Separate Property, Tenant in Common)

General Description and/or Address	Owner	Market Value	Equity
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Total</i>	_____	_____

PERSONAL PROPERTY

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
Miscellaneous Furniture and Household Effects (Total)	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
	<i>Total</i>	_____

BANK & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

IF YOU PREFER, YOU CAN WAIT UNTIL AFTER OUR MEETING TO SUPPLY ACCOUNT NUMBERS

TYPE: Checking Account “CA”, Savings Account “SA”, Certificates of Deposit “CD”, Money Market “MM” (*indicate type below*).
Do not include IRA’s or 401(k)’s here

Name of Institution and account number

Type

Owner

Amount

[illegible]

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.

STOCKS AND BONDS

IF YOU PREFER, YOU CAN WAIT UNTIL AFTER OUR MEETING TO SUPPLY ACCOUNT NUMBERS

TYPE: List any and 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

[illegible]

Total

LIFE INSURANCE POLICES 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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Total		_____

SUMMARY OF VALUES

ASSETS	Amount*		Total Value
	Husband	Wife	
Real Property	_____	_____	_____
Furniture and Personal Effects	_____	_____	_____
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 1/2 in husband's column and 1/2 in wife's column.*

DESIGN INFORMATION

PERSONS TO ACT FOR YOU – IF YOU ARE UNABLE

GUARDIAN FOR MINOR CHILDREN:

If you have any children under the age of 18, list in order of preference who would raise them and love them in the manner as close as possible to the way you would.

Name, Address and Phone Number

Relationship

GUARDIAN FOR PETS:

FINANCIAL DECISION MAKERS

DEATH TRUSTEE: After both of your deaths, who do you want making decisions regarding the management and distribution of your assets to your beneficiaries?

Name, Address and Phone Number

Relationship

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HEALTH CARE DECISION MAKERS

HEALTH CARE: If you were unable to make decisions for yourself, who would you want to make decisions for you with regard to your medical treatment?

HUSBAND'S AGENT

Name, Address, and Phone Number

Relationship

Do you want to provide that the moment of your death not be unnecessarily prolonged by artificial means or measures? _____

Do you want to provide that your organs and tissues should be made available for transplant purposes?

WIFE'S AGENT

Name, Address, and Phone Number

Relationship

Do you want to provide that the moment of your death not be unnecessarily prolonged by artificial means or measures? _____

Do you want to provide that your organs and tissues should be made available for transplant purposes?