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## **ESTATE PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE**

Note: Please print all names and addresses as clearly and legibly as possible, making sure all proper names are the full, correctly spelled legal names. Date: Full Name (Client 1): Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SS#:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Client 2's Name: Relation to Client 1? \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ SS#: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Address County City Zip State Home Phone Work (or alternate) Phone Client 1: Client 2: E-mail Addresses Cell Phones What/Who referred you to us? CPA affiliation: Investment Advisor:\_\_\_\_ Bank affiliation: Safe deposit box location: Client 1 Employer: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse 2 Employer: \_\_\_\_\_\_Position:\_\_\_\_\_

# Child #1 (indicate if child not from both clients:\_\_\_\_) Name:\_\_\_\_\_Phone #:\_\_\_\_\_ Address: Date of Birth:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Spouse:\_\_\_\_\_ Children and birthdates: Child #2 (indicate if child not from both clients:\_\_\_\_\_) Name:\_\_\_\_\_Phone #: Address: Date of Birth: Spouse: Children and birthdates: Child #3 (indicate if child not from both clients:\_\_\_\_\_) Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone #:\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: Spouse: Children and birthdates: [attach sheet if more than 3 children] Deceased children:

## **Questions to Consider in Advance of Conference**

1.	Do your children, grandchildren, or beneficiaries have any problems or special needs which should be considered or currently receiving state or federal assistance due to a disability?	
2.	Do you have the responsibility for supporting anyone other than your spouse and children?	
3.	Do you wish to make any gifts or contributions of property or money to any friends, relatives, or charities?	
4.	If you, your spouse, and all of your descendants (children, grandchildren, etc.) were killed in a common disaster, whom would you want to receive your property? Note, our default provision is ½ to Client 1 heirs and ½ to Client 2 heirs.	
5.	Have you filed a gift tax return (i.e., made gifts that exceed annual exclusion amount)?	
6.	Are any of your children or grandchildren adopted or in the process of being adopted?	
7.	Indicate any unique family circumstances, problems, and other planning concerns?	
8.	Your ordinary income tax rate (circle one) 15% 28% 31% 36% 39.6% Or indicate your gross family income	
9.	Predicted date of retirement for Client 1? Client 2?	
10.	Citizenship (if not U.S.) for Client 1? Client 2?	
11.	Client 1 ever been divorced (note year)? Client 2?	
12.	Client 1's general health? Client 2's?	
13.	Do you expect to inherit any substantial property in the near future which should be considered in planning your estate or are you the beneficiary of any trust? (If so, please describe.)	
14.	Do you have any assets that require special consideration in your Will? (If so, please describe.)	
15.	Special instructions regarding body disposition (e.g., burial or cremation)  Client 1: Client 2:	

## **Estate Evaluation**

Note: The manner in which your property is legally titled is integral to proper estate planning.

<u>ASSET</u>	<u>CLIENT 1</u>	<u>CLIENT 2</u>	<u>JOINT</u>
Primary Residence	\$	\$	\$
Other real property	\$	\$	\$
(include location by state)	\$	\$	\$
Listed or traded securities (exclude retirement accounts)	\$	\$	\$
Closely held and untraded securities	\$	\$	\$
Partnership or sole proprietor interests	\$	\$	\$
Cash, savings accounts, CDS, etc.	\$	\$	\$
Automobiles	\$	\$	\$
Other notable personal property	\$	\$	\$
Retirement Accounts (e.g. 401k, IRAs) (provide detail on next page)	\$	\$	\$
Life Insurance Cash Value (provide detail on next page)	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$
Mortgage debt	\$	\$	\$
Other debts	\$	\$	\$
NET TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

Do you own property jointly with any person other than your spouse? (If so, whom, and is the ownership a joint tenancy with right of survivorship?)

Custodial Accounts [in which you are the owner]?

Are you currently handling [or expected to handle] the financial affairs of another?

Note: Do the best you can to gather the information requested below, but do not let this effort delay the planning process. If the answers are hard to get or time consuming, put a question mark.

#### Life Insurance:

Insured	Owner of Policy	Company	Face Amount	Primary Beneficiary	Contingent Beneficiary	Is this policy T (term) WL (whole life) U (universal) or O (other)	Cash Surrender Value (ADD THIS VALUE TO PRIOR PAGE)

## Benefit Plans (e.g., IRA, 401(k), deferred compensation, annuities)

Type of Plan (e.g. IRA, 401(k))	Benefit Provided or Amount	Primary Death Beneficiary (If Any)	Contingent Death Beneficiary (If Any)	Comments

#### Other documents and information

Please bring the following to the planning session:

- □ Your present documents (including Wills & Powers of Attorney)
- Declaration page of life insurance policies and annuities (if any uncertainty of values)
- □ Account statements (if uncertain as to type of account or ownership)
- □ Property deeds showing ownership
- other documents or contracts affecting your estate [such as Divorce Decree and Business Buy-Sell Agreement]
- □ Names, ages, and contact information of your family members (e.g., parents, sisters, and brothers).
- ☐ List of personal property items you want to pass to specific individuals
- ☐ Trust agreements [that you have either signed or are a beneficiary of]

*Specific Bequests* or other special instructions:

City/State/ZIP:\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship:

Please give careful advance consideration to the following questions and attempt to fill them in before your initial meeting. We will discuss all choices with you prior to delivering your drafts.

Client 2: Executor/Executrix. This is the person/entity charged with the responsibility to assemble and transfer your assets after your passing, probate the Will, file tax returns, etc. This may be served by one or more individuals (including your spouse) and/or a bank or other corporate fiduciary. We recommend avoiding co-Executors (two individuals serving at same time) but can be done. Client 1: Client 2: Name of Initial Executor: Name of Initial Executor: Street Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Street Address:\_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip:\_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip:\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship:\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship:\_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) of Backup Executor(s) if the Name of Backup Executor if the original is original is unable or unwilling: unable or unwilling: Street Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: City/State/ZIP:\_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP:\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship:\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship:\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Backup #2 Executor if the Name of Backup #2 Executor if the original is unable or unwilling: original is unable or unwilling: Street Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: City/State/ZIP:\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship:

*Trustees*. In the event a Trust becomes part of the estate plan, the Trustee will serve to manage assets and administer the Trust based on your direction. This role may be filled by one or more individuals (including your spouse), and/or a bank or other a corporate fiduciary.

<u>Client 1:</u>	<u>Client 2:</u>
Name of Initial Trustee:	Name of Initial Trustee:
City/State/ZIP:	City/State/ZIP:
Relationship:	Relationship:
Name of Backup Trustee:	Name of Backup Trustee:
Street Address:	Street Address:
City/State/ZIP:	City/State/ZIP:
Relationship:	Relationship:
Name of Backup #2 Trustee:	Name of Backup #2 Trustee:
Street Address:	Street Address:
City/State/ZIP:	City/State/ZIP:
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Street Address:	
City/State/ZIP:	
Relationship To You:	
	ve together, do you want the survivor to continue (yes/no/don't know)
Street Address:	
City/State/ZIP:	
Relationship To You:	

Financial Power of Attorney. You may name one or more individuals (including your spouse) to make decisions regarding your assets if you are incapacitated. For example, if you are disabled and cannot manage your financial affairs, your "Financial Agent" would have the authority to do so.

<u>Client 1:</u>	Client 2:
Name of Initial Agent:	Name of Initial Agent:
Street Address:	Street Address:
City/State/ZIP:	City/State/ZIP:
Relationship:	
Name of Backup Agent:	Name of Backup Agent:
Street Address:	Street Address:
City/State/ZIP:	
Relationship:	
Name of Backup #2 Agent:	Name of Backup #2 Agent:
Street Address:	Street Address:
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