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Estate Planning



Common Questions

What is an Estate Plan?

An estate plan is a set of documents that provides instruction to a third party regarding what to do with your assets during your incapacity and at death. It should also provide instructions for your medical care, if you are unable to make your own decisions.

What if I do not have an Estate Plan?

In Michigan, if you die without a will, your assets will be subject to “intestate succession.” Your assets will be distributed according to the rules created by the Michigan Legislature. Typically, this provides for a spouse and children first.

If you wish to leave an asset to someone other than a blood relative, having your estate plan prepared is crucial because intestate succession does not provide for anyone other than blood-related or adopted family members.



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Benefits of Estate Planning With Willingham & Coté, P.C.

Peace of Mind

Proper estate planning, no matter your circumstance, can provide for the orderly and proper management of your assets during your lifetime and transfer of assets to loved ones upon your death.

For more than 50 years, we have been assisting clients in protecting their loved ones through the use of many different estate planning strategies.

These Strategies Can Include:

- **Wills** for your desired distribution of assets upon your death
- **Revocable Trusts** to provide for management of assets during your life and disposition of assets at death while eliminating the need for probate
- **Irrevocable Trusts** to provide benefits to individuals while minimizing estate and gift taxes
- **Charitable Trusts** to provide monetary support to charitable organizations while minimizing estate and gift tax liability
- **Gifting** to individuals to reduce value of estate
- **Financial Powers of Attorney**
- **Medical Powers of Attorney**