

Note from Susana: Here is Why Estate Planning Is a Gift to Your Family

Dear Reader:

As we approach the holidays we think of family, family well-being and what the future may hold for each loved one. It is a time of happiness and celebration of new additions to our family by birth or marriage; and a time of sadness for those of us who are not so well or suffering from old age issues; or who are caregivers dealing with issues of a loved one's decline that are not going to go away. In the face of these possible scenarios, we can give loved ones the best gift of all:

An estate plan.

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When people hear “estate planning,” they often think of something only the wealthy or elderly need. In truth, having a thoughtful plan is one of the greatest gifts you can give your loved ones—no matter your age or income. Here is what an estate plan can do for you and yours!

It Reduces Stress

When someone passes away, families are often left juggling emotional loss with urgent legal and financial decisions. A clear estate plan provides direction and minimizes confusion, so your loved ones can focus on healing instead of paperwork.

It Prevents Conflict

Family disagreements after a death are rarely about greed—they're usually about uncertainty. By putting your wishes in writing, you remove guesswork and reduce the chance of disputes among those you care about most.

It Protects Your Family

Without a plan, Massachusetts law (M.G.L. c.190B) decides who inherits your estate—and that may not match your wishes. A will or trust lets you decide who receives your property and when. Planning also allows you to name trusted people to handle your finances or make medical decisions if you can't.

It Saves Time and Money

Probate in Massachusetts can take many months or even years. Simple planning steps—such as using beneficiary designations or a revocable trust—can save your family time, thousands of dollars, and the frustration of having your family deal with Probate courts that when they are grieving.

It Brings Peace of Mind

In our office we say Estate planning isn't just about what happens after you're gone—it's also about how you live, possibly with health issues and a need to protect your loved ones today. Having your documents in order ensures your wishes are honored and your family is supported when they need it most.

The Bottom Line:

Estate planning is truly a gift of love and clarity. Whether you're a young parent, a retiree, or somewhere in between, a well-crafted plan ensures your legacy and your family are cared for—exactly as you intend.

Allow Lannik Law to help you create the estate plan you want and need. Schedule a consultation to review your current estate plan, and ensure it is up-to-date, or to custom create a plan you need.

Happy Holidays!

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