

Protecting What You Value Most Through Estate Planning and Asset Protection

When Legacy Matters

Everyone understands the benefits of having unanticipated events. Hazard and casualty insurance is necessary to provide protection from the risks of fire, floods and wind damage. Liability insurance is necessary to provide protection from the risks of auto accidents and personal injury. But what can you do to protect your assets from claims in excess of your insurance or from risks of lawsuits or from unexpected business liabilities or from an overabundance of tax consequences? Fortunately having an asset protection plan in place can help insulate you from these potentially significant risks.

We believe in providing you with effective solutions so that you can have confidence that your assets and your legacy are protected. An effective asset protection plan needs to be in place before a lawsuit or claim is made against you, and well in advance of your retirement or death, so it is important to take the step toward greater protection today.

Wild Felice & Partners is a full-service, Fort Lauderdale, Florida based law firm with a specialty in asset protection. We utilize a combination of estate planning, real estate law, corporate formation, family law, and asset structuring to assure that our clients are protected from potential litigation, creditors, and any other threats that may be looming. A properly designed asset protection plan can accomplish many of your most important objectives:

- · Protection of family savings and investments from lawsuits and claims.
- · Insulation of rental properties reducing your exposure to potential lawsuits.
- · Protection of business assets and accounts receivable from potential claims.
- · Elimination of probate.
- · Reduction of estate taxes.

It's a Wild world. Are you protected?



No Time to Waste During the Shortest Month of the Year

February is the shortest month of the year. With only 28 days, it is still a month brimming with fun holidays. Interestingly enough, they each have a little something to do with estate planning. In this issue we will discuss:

- What This Month's Holidays Have to Say About Estate Planning
- Whitney Houston: Even the Oueen of Pop is not Immortal
- Abraham Lincoln Would Be Impressed With Charitable Trusts

Every American should have an estate plan in place but the need for comprehensive estate planning is even greater when you have children.



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Holidays Can Even Teach Us A Little Something About Estate Planning

February is a month filled with holidays interlaced with a theme about estate planning. Valentine's day echoes, "Nothing says I love you more than the legacy I am leaving you behind." You are essentially telling your loved one that you are resolving to protect them physically, financially, and emotionally long after you are gone. Your South Florida estate planning attorney knows how to strategically structure your estate plan and preserve your assets in order to avoid emotionally charged courtroom proceedings, reduced tax burdens on your loved ones, and protect them from creditor claims.

Mardi Gras beams with colors that symbolize Faith, Power, and Justice. It is crucial to have faith in a highly qualfied South Florida estate planning attorney with the knowledge and power to protect your loved ones with a solid estate plan. No one wants to endure the injustices of not having their wishes fulfilled. A full probate administration could become devastating to a family left behind without the assistance of a skilled attorney who can account for every conceivable issue.

Groundhog Day can be analogized with estate planning. Just like the legendary groundhog can forecast the many more weeks of a harsh, cold winter, estate planning attorneys can predict the storm of financial distasters that can result from failing to create a comprehensive esate plan. For example, in the event you become mentally incapacitated, it's imporatnt to have a designated Durable Power of Attorney to handle your financial affairs according to your wishes.

What you don't know about estate planning might not kill you, but it will certainly hurt your family. Call your estate planning attorney today to ensure a safe and secure future for your family.



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Did you know?

Whitney Houston is living... or rather dying proof that we are not immortal. Not even the Queen of Pop could evade the grip of death. Although her death was quite tragic, there is a valuable lesson to be learned. It is never too early or too late to get your estate plan in order. Whitney understood this when she had her will drafted. However, she was missing something.

She did not have a separate document detailing her funeral and burial wishes. As a result, there was an unnecessary family dispute as to where she should be buried. All this could have been avoided with a "Final Arrangements" instrument.

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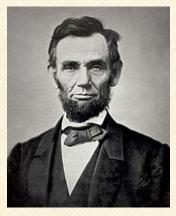
Abraham Lincoln Says Yes to Charitable Giving

February is also the month of President's Day. Abraham Lincoln might spring to mind and it's no coincidence that his birthday also falls on this month. During his second inaugural address, Lincoln's words still resonate, "With malice toward none, with charity for all; with firmness in the right...let us strive on to finish the work we are in...to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations."

Clearly, President Lincoln was an advocate for charitable giving. Through the construction of a Charitable Trust, you are afforded the opportunity to do some good for mankind while getting some charity in return from Uncle Sam. You can donate to your favorite charity while being able to claim an income tax deduction, receive an additional stream of income, avoid capital gains, reduce estate taxes and augment your retirement plan.

There are two types of Charitable Trusts: Remainder Trusts, which are the most common and Charitable Lead Trusts. You can even establish a Legacy Trust in which your children will also be able to receive a cash distribution upon your death. This will avoid any disgruntled feelings when they learn that you designated your charitable organization as your only beneficiary.

Contact an Estate Planning Attorney today so that you can be apprised of all your available options in order to attain the best of both worlds. However, with estate planning you must act quickly. Time is never on our side.



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Mastering Time to Master Your Death

There is an old fable that once upon a time in a jungle, a wild boar was whetting his tusks against the trunk of an old tree. A fox was passing by and asked him why he was doing this because there was no hunter or hound in sight. The boar responded, "That is true, but when that danger comes I shall have something else to do than to sharpen my weapon."

February is a very short month. There is no time to waste. It's important to plan ahead and well-equip yourself with a solid estate plan. Your South Florida estate-planning attorney will provide you with the right tools to protect your loved ones. Don't delay...or it could be too late.

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