



Protecting What You Value Most Through Estate Planning and Asset Protection

Providing Solutions That Secure and Enhance Your Wealth and Your Legacy

Everyone understands the benefits of having insurance to protect your assets from 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.
- Protection against inadequate or unavailable insurance coverage.
- 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 Springtime! Is Your Estate Plan In Full Bloom?

Spring symbolizes rebirth, renewal, and regrowth. April is the perfect time to renew your estate plan, account for any necessary changes, and get your estate in full bloom. In this issue we will discuss:

- **Why Passover Should Have You Thinking About Your Estate Plan**
- **Why Uncle Sam May Be Lenient On Procrastinators But Not Estate Planning**
- **How Not Even A Giant Bunny Would Make An Egg Hunt Out of its Estate Plan**

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



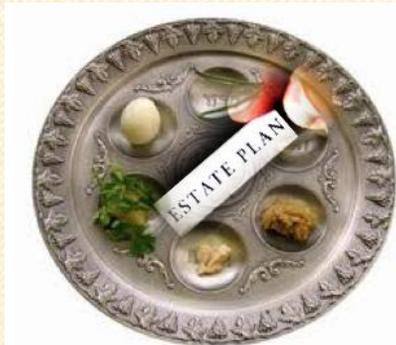
Why Passover Should Have You Thinking About Your Estate Plan

We all know the story of Passover. It commemorates the time when Moses led an exodus of the Jewish people out of Egypt in search of a country with lower estate tax and more generous inheritance laws. We are always concerned about rising taxes. That's why when it comes to estate planning, using strategies to substantially lower federal estate tax will alleviate the burden. But there is something else that is very simple yet frequently overlooked in estate planning.

Updating your estate plan! It's so crucial and it's the perfect time to do this month. After all, it's completely kosher and chametz-free. You should have your South Florida estate planning attorney review your estate plan once every 3 to 5 years. You need to account for major life changes such as divorce, marriage, and the birth of a new child. Do you really want your ex-spouse to dip into your legacy pot? Do you want to risk disinheriting one of your children?

Your kids may now have reached adulthood ready to handle the responsibility as trustee of your trust. Do you still want to retain the person you appointed as power of attorney, health care surrogate, and guardian of you minor children? Are they alive, competent, and still trustworthy? Also, given the fluid nature of the law, there could be substantial changes including the tax code that could impact your estate. Also, if your will was drafted prior to 2006, it probably is not valid.

So put down the Matzo cracker, and contact your South Florida estate planning attorney now to ensure your true intentions are reflected in your estate plan.



Michael D. Wild is a Florida attorney specializing in the areas of estate planning and asset protection. For more information on successful Florida estate planning and asset protection techniques, please contact the South Florida law firm of Wild Felice & Partners, P.A. at 954-944-2855 or via email at info@wfplaw.com to schedule your free consultation. **It's a Wild world. Are you protected?**



Did you know?

This month Uncle Sam extended the deadline to file 2011 tax returns. The weekend, followed by Emancipation Day saved procrastinating South Floridians. However, with estate planning, you can't take a holiday or request an extension. We never know when we might die and lack of planning can be extremely costly to loved ones.

You may never get out of paying your federal income tax but you may get out of paying too much federal estate tax. Trust formation, insurance benefits protection, and charitable gifting can strategically limit heavy taxation on your family.

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Not Even A Giant Bunny Would Make An Egg Hunt Out of its Estate Plan

While children may have a blast searching for the Easter Bunny's eggs out in the backyard of your house, they will not have fun hunting for important estate planning documents once you are gone. For South Floridians who are not interested in playing hide and seek, it's important to have original estate planning documents such as a will, stored in a safe and accessible place.

Somewhere in your home or office that is protected from fire, floods, and South Florida Hurricanes is a suitable place. However, if you plan on using a safe deposit box, you might want to consider retitling it into the name of your Revocable Living Trust if the box is titled in your name only. This way, your successor trustee will be able to gain immediate access to your box without having to obtain a court order to open it. You can also include a joint owner to the title to carry out your estate planning wishes.

Finally, your South Florida estate planning attorney should retain signed copies of your estate planning documents. In the event your original documents are accidentally destroyed, the documents can be recreated and everything can be resigned. This will destroy the presumption that you intended to destroy the documents if the original cannot be found at the time of your death.

Save your loved ones the trouble of hunting down your original legal documents and contact your South Florida estate planning attorney for more information today!



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The Farmer And His Sons

A father, on his deathbed, wished for his boys to attend to his farm as he himself had. He called them to his side and said, "My sons, there is a great treasure hidden in one of my vineyards." The sons, after his death, took their spades and mattocks and carefully dug over every part of the land. There was no gold, but the vines repaid their labor by extraordinary and superabundant crop.

Make sure you leave your treasures to your loved ones. Consult your South Florida estate planning attorney who has the expertise to plan and execute your business' legal affairs so that you may properly leave behind your legacy.

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