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Will Your Estate Planning Documents Be Accessible When Needed?

Estate planning documents can help you protect yourself and your family and spell out your last wishes—but only if they are found. If your documents are gathering dust in a long-forgotten drawer, or worse, hidden away in a safe to which your family members don't know the combination, they won't serve their purpose when needed.

For example, if you are incapacitated, your family will need to access your power of attorney and your advance directive (also known as a living will). You won't be able to tell your family where your documents are and how to access them, which means that your family must have this information ahead of time.

Unfortunately, it isn't uncommon for people to have advance directives and other estate planning documents that their family doesn't know about.

Store the Documents Properly

You would be surprised how often people misplace documents from the estate plan or don't store them all together. If you want to keep your original estate planning documents at home, storing them in a fire and waterproof safe is recommended.

Some people store their documents in a safe deposit box at a bank, however, these can be difficult to access. Even jointly held boxes may be inaccessible without a court order if the bank discovers that one of the box renters has died.

It is essential to let your family and personal representative know where to find these estate planning documents in case something were to happen. You can also always provide copies of your documents to your trusted attorney and family members. Doing this ahead of time will help them execute your wishes when the time comes.

The number one mistake made by most people who have been responsible enough to have an estate plan prepared, is to believe once it is done they never have to think about it again.

There are many changes which occur within families and family businesses. Family members may die, children are born, divorces happen, assets and property are sold or acquired. It is necessary to periodically review your estate plan in order to ensure the changes in your life are properly reflected.

Whenever you need to make changes to your will or trust, you should get rid of the older copies of your documents and replace them with the new ones. This will ensure that there is no legal confusion and that your loved ones are working with the most recent documents.

If your current estate planning documents aren't found, it will be as though you didn't create them at all, leaving you at risk of not having your wishes honored.



Mac Martinson Named Lawyer of the Year

Martinson & Beason, P.C. is pleased to announce that Mac Martinson has been recognized as Lawyer of the Year in the 2023 edition of Best Lawyers in America. Mac was selected by his peers for recognition of his professional excellence in the area of Real Estate Law in Huntsville.

Mac focuses his practice on helping businesses and real estate clients navigate the legal world. His practice areas include real estate law, business and commercial corporate law, wills, contracts/disputes, eminent domain/condemnation, and sale for division.

Mac is also AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and this is the 4th year in a row he's been named for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America®.

Client Spotlight

Meet our friend and client, Jeremiah. This kid has a smile that will light up a room! Here he is with attorney Morris Lilienthal. After we got his settlement approved, he gave Morris the biggest hug. We're grateful for the opportunity to represent remarkable clients like Jeremiah and we work hard to get the best possible outcome.



Client Spotlight



Annie and Charles Rountree Sr.



Charles Rountree Sr. was born in Ferriday, Louisiana, which is famously known as the hometown of Jerry Lee Lewis. Following in the footsteps of his two brothers, Charles joined the U.S. Army in 1955, serving for more than 30 years in the military.

He landed in Huntsville after being assigned to The Army Ballistic Missile Agency project at Redstone Arsenal in 1960, serving as one of the first soldiers in that unit. As a role model for young men, Charles' proudest accomplishment is his service with the military. "That's one of the things that I cherish most of all," he says.

In 1960, Charles met his life mate, Annie Smith Rountree, while he was attending school in Winter Park, FL. Two years later, the couple married on June 5, 1962. "She's my right hand, because my Army career kept me away from home most of the time," Charles explains. "But I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world."

They shared over 59 happy years together until his beloved Annie passed away in September 2021. During his time in the military, Charles and Annie had the opportunity to travel the world together for over two decades, visiting more than 15 countries together. His favorite trip was to Belgium, due to its picturesque towns and natural beauty.

It's been a real pleasure getting to know Mr. Rountree and we're grateful for his service to our nation. We consider it an honor to represent him as a client at Martinson & Beason, PC.

Recipes of the Month:

Submitted by Sylvia Tiggs

Chicken & Stuffing Casserole

1 box Stove Top Stuffing (chicken flavored)
1-2 pounds skinless chicken breast- diced
1 can cream of chicken soup
1/3 cup Sour Cream
16 oz bag of mixed vegetables
4 garlic cloves- minced
1/4 cup green onions
Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

- Spray 9x13 baking dish and preheat oven to 400 degrees.
- Sauté vegetables and garlic in butter/oil until soft.
- Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Add the sautéed vegetables and green onions.
- Pour into the baking dish.
- Prepare the stuffing as directed on box but replace water with chicken broth. Spread stuffing evenly over the chicken mixture.
- Place baking dish in oven and bake for 30 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through. Enjoy!

Chocolate Coca-Cola Cake

1 box of Super Moist Devil Food mix
1 box 3.9oz Jell-o Chocolate Pudding
1 1/4 cup of Cola Coca
1/2 cup vegetable oil
3 eggs
1 cup pecans (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

- Spray 9x13 baking dish and preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Stir with a whisk all ingredients in a large bowl until blended.
- Pour mixture into the baking dish.
- Bake for 35 to 40 minutes.

CAKE ICING

1 stick of butter (melted)
1 tsp. vanilla extract
3 tsp. heavy whipping cream
2 cups of powdered sugar
1/4 cup cocoa powder

DIRECTIONS:

- Cook ingredients on low heat until creamy and well blended.
- Remove from heat and add pecans (optional).
- Pour icing over cake and allow to cool. YUM!

Martinson & Beason P.C. Named to NextDoor 2022 Neighborhood Favorites List

Martinson & Beason, P.C. is proud to announce that our law firm was nominated by our neighbors as one of the best local businesses in Huntsville on Nextdoor's 2022 Neighborhood Favorites list.

Neighborhood Favorites is Nextdoor's annual award program that encourages neighbors to vote for their favorite businesses. Martinson & Beason, P.C. was the only law firm in Huntsville nominated for the award, which recognizes businesses from 25 categories, including dining, retail, beauty, and more. Our firm was nominated as one of two winners in the Professional Services category.



Clay Martinson Joins Summer Clerk Law Program



Clay Martinson and Doug Martinson II

Martinson & Beason, P.C. welcomed a familiar face this summer for its summer clerk program. Clay Martinson, son of Partner Doug Martinson, has grown up around Martinson & Beason through his father, grandfather, and uncle.

Clay is a rising 3rd year law student at the University of Alabama School of Law, where he is a member of the Moot Court Board and competes as a member on the Labor and Employment Moot Court Team. Before law school, Clay majored in history at the University of Alabama, graduating Summa Cum Laude, and served as Vice President of the Student Government Association.

In the summer clerk program, Clay performed research, wrote memos, drafted motions, and demand letters to insurance companies on behalf of clients. Clay worked on several litigation cases ranging from real estate and probate litigation, Medicare litigation, and serious injury car wrecks.

"Having the opportunity to clerk at the law firm my great grandfather started in 1937 is truly special for me. It is also a testament to the lawyers and staff to be in business for 85 years, where so many clients keep coming back. I have had a great summer getting to learn so many different areas of the law and look forward to taking that knowledge back to my last year of law school and my future law practice."

Martinson & Beason will be happy to have Clay join the firm as an associate when he graduates from law school.

Camp Lejeune Injury Claims

Were you or a loved one sickened by contaminated water at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune?

Claims are currently being filed for qualified people who lived or worked at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune between 1953 and 1987. If you served, worked, or lived at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between these years, contact us to see if you have a claim.

You May Be Entitled to Compensation

Harmful chemicals were found in two on-base wells that supplied drinking water to Camp Lejeune facilities. Military personnel and their families along with civilian workers who lived or worked at the base during the effective time period were exposed to Trichloroethylene (TCE), Perchloroethylene (PCE), Benzene, Vinyl chloride, and other compounds.

As you know, we offer **free case evaluations** and represent clients on a contingency basis which means you pay no money up-front, our fees are paid out of any settlement or verdict we secure for you. Don't wait to file your claim. We are here to help you or your loved ones right now.

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1. Right to loyalty to you and your cause.
2. Right to be updated regularly and in a timely manner as to the progress of your case.
3. Right to our respect.
4. Right to expect competence from our firm and all who work here.
5. Right to know the truth about your case.
6. Right to prompt attention from us.
7. Right to have your legal rights and options explained in plain English without legal mumbo jumbo.
8. Right to a fair written fee agreement with our firm.
9. Right to a fair fee for the work we do.
10. Right to make the ultimate decision on your case.



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Happy New Year

2022 Downtown Open

The Downtown Open returned to Downtown Huntsville this October. We are proud to support this annual event as this year's event sponsor! We celebrated the Downtown Open with snacks, drinks, putt putt golf, and live music from special guest, Lamont Landers.

Downtown Huntsville, Inc. creates a unique miniature golf course around downtown annually, where families can play putt-putt for free. This year, we were pleased to have a new putt-putt hole designed for the course by Adam Loveless from Beezr.



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