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The Legal Details of Death

Humans are the only creatures with a conscious knowledge of their own mortality. Yet, this knowledge does not make dealing with this reality seem any easier.

I know the turmoil and disquiet evoked by the death of a loved one. As the lawyer in the family, it was my responsibility to execute the legal preparations before my Father's death and finalize the correct legal course of action afterward. I cannot say that this was a pleasure, but I can say that I felt a great honor to participate in these responsibilities.

To those who find themselves charged with this obligation, my professional advice is this: don't panic. Usually, everything can be handled smoothly and more quickly than most people imagine.

First, putting property into a living trust represents the best method to prepare for death. Generally, this is not difficult or expensive and, in practice, anyone who owns property should consider a living trust. Upon death, property held in a trust can be passed quickly and usually without the time and expense of probate.



If you find yourself and your family faced with the prospect of probate, take comfort that probate is rarely the complex process portrayed in movies and novels. For most families it is simply a path to travel one step at a time.

Again, let me assure you that the legal procedures and details of death are less daunting than most families assume. In most cases, it is simply a step by step process.

After several encounters during which you have admirably served me with excellent legal advice and direction, it occurs to me that a thank you is long overdue....I know that lawyers are seldom thanked for what they do, so I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how much I sincerely appreciate your professional contribution to my business, and personal life.

Jim

We hope that you will take time and meet with Greg Hawkins. You will sense his character, reliability and honor. He is a man you can depend on, an attorney you can have confidence in.

Ned and Kathy

We commissioned Greg Hawkins to help us formulate the family revocable trust. We also asked him to help my mother, Charlotte, with her revocable trust. Since that time he has made himself available at a moment's notice when we needed him. We recommend Greg as one who has great legal expertise.

Brent & Karen

Greg Hawkins established a Revocable Family Trust for my wife and me. He explained it clearly and answered all my questions before proceeding with the necessary paperwork....We recommend him to all our friends.

Dennis and Sharon

Greg prepared a complex Trust Centered Estate Plan for my wife and me. Greg takes an interdisciplinary approach that allows him to address a [legal problem] innovatively, responsively and cost effectively.

Sheldon & Sydney



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