

**MARRIED COUPLE ESTATE PLANNING INFORMATION**

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

The estate plan which is recommended to you will be based on our analysis of the information which you provide.

Therefore, the information which you provide should be as comprehensive and detailed as possible. Providing this information may require a significant amount of your time.

Some of the information requested will not be applicable to your personal situation. In particular, one or more of the Attachments A - H may not apply to you. You should indicate where anything is not applicable to you by marking "N/A".

Although the computations regarding the ESTATE SUMMARY on page 7 can be complex, you should attempt to complete as much of the ESTATE SUMMARY as you are able to.

A follow up office conference may address any additional clarification needed.

Thank you for investing the time to complete this questionnaire.

**MARRIED COUPLE ESTATE PLANNING INFORMATION**

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach additional pieces of paper as needed to answer each item. Where requested, please designate ownership of assets: as the separate property of husband or wife, or jointly-owned property. Ownership impacts the tax planning of the individual estates and the total combined estate. Indicate where anything is not applicable to you by marking "N/A".

**A. FAMILY INFORMATION**

**1. Husband:**

- (1) Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Usual Signature Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) Home: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Office: \_\_\_\_\_
- (7) Name and address of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (8) Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_
- (9) Date of Present Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_
- (10) Previous marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
Children of previous marriage: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**2. Wife:**

- (1) Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Usual Signature Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Name and Address of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (6) Office Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- (7) Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_
- (8) Previous marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
Children of previous marriage: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Prior out of state residences:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(especially if in community property state)

**4. If either spouse has a former spouse which is deceased:**

- (1) Name & Date-of-death: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Was an IRS Form 706 Estate Tax Return Filed? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Children: List all children. (Include children born previous to the present marriage. If any such children, identify which spouse is the parent. If either spouse has legally adopted such children, so indicate. If a child lives with a former spouse, so indicate.)

Name	Soc. Sec. No.	Birth Date
a. _____		
Address if different from yours: _____		
b. _____		
Address if different from yours: _____		
c. _____		
Address if different from yours: _____		
d. _____		
Address if different from yours: _____		
e. _____		
Address if different from yours: _____		
f. _____		
Address if different from yours: _____		

Are any children deceased? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Are any children age 18 and older spendthrifts or otherwise irresponsible? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Grandchildren: (list 5 oldest)

Name	Parent	Birth Date
a. _____		
b. _____		
c. _____		
d. _____		
e. _____		

7. Your Parents:

Provide names and addresses:

a. Husband's Parents Which are Living: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Wife's Parents Which are Living: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**B. ADVISORS:**

Name, Address, Telephone Number:

1. Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Accountant: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Life Insurance/Financial Planner: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Stockbroker/Investment Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. DISTRIBUTION OBJECTIVES AND PRESENT ESTATE PLAN:**

1. Husband: Upon your death, how and to whom do you want your assets distributed?  
Provision for Spouse at your Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Provision for Children at your Death: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Provision for Others at your Death: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Gifts to Spouse and Children during your lifetime: \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts to Charities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Wife: Upon your death, how and to whom do you want your assets distributed?  
Provision for Spouse at your Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Provision for Children at your Death: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Provision for Others at your Death: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Gifts to your Spouse and Children during your lifetime: \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts to Charities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. DESIGNATION OF FIDUCIARIES:

(a) Personal Representative:

Husband: If wife is deceased or otherwise cannot serve, please name an additional personal representative: Name, Address, Social Security Number, & Telephone Numbers:

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Wife: If husband is deceased or otherwise cannot serve, please name an additional personal representative: Name, Address, Social Security Number, & Telephone Numbers:

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(b) Agent for Durable Power of Attorney for Financial Affairs:

Husband: If wife is deceased or otherwise cannot serve, please name an additional Agent to make decisions for you if you are incapacitated: Name, Address, Social Security Number, & Telephone Numbers:

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Wife: If husband is deceased or otherwise cannot serve, please name an additional Agent to make decisions for you if you are incapacitated: Name, Address, Social Security Number, & Telephone Numbers:

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(c) Agent for Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Decisions:

Husband: If wife is deceased or otherwise cannot serve, please name an additional Agent to make decisions for you if you are incapacitated: Name, Address, Social Security Number, & Telephone Numbers:

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Wife: If husband is deceased or otherwise cannot serve, please name an additional Agent to make decisions for you if you are incapacitated: Name, Address, Social Security Number, & Telephone Numbers:

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(d) Guardian and Conservator of Minor Children:

Husband: If wife is deceased or otherwise cannot serve, please name an additional guardian and conservator for your minor children: Name, Address, Social Security Number, & Telephone Numbers:

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Wife: If husband is deceased or otherwise cannot serve, please name an additional guardian and conservator for your children: Name, Address, Social Security Number, & Telephone Numbers:

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(e) Trustee of any Trusts Established under Your Estate Plan:

Husband: If wife is deceased or otherwise cannot serve, please name an additional trustee for any trusts established under your estate plan:  
Name, Address, Social Security Number, & Telephone Numbers:

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Wife: If husband is deceased or otherwise cannot serve, please name an additional trustee for any trusts established under your estate plan:  
Name, Address, Social Security Number, & Telephone Numbers:

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4. If you and your spouse both die prematurely, should the property be held in trust until the children are of a more mature age such as age 25, 30, or 40, rather be distributed outright at age 21?

5. Is avoiding unnecessary estate taxation of great importance to you?

6. Is the minimizing of income taxes of great importance to you?

7. Do you contemplate making future gifts for the purpose of minimizing estate and income taxes or otherwise?

8. Do you wish to make bequests to your church or any other charitable organization?

9. Do you now have existing wills?

10. Have you created any trusts?

11. Are you now a trustee or beneficiary of any trust?

12. Do you now have a power of appointment under a will or a trust created by any other person which empowers you to direct where property goes on your death?

13. Have you or your spouse ever lived in any other state or a foreign country? If so, where and during what time period?

14. Did you or your spouse own any substantial amount of property at the time of your marriage? If yes, please identify such substantial amount of property.

(1) Husband: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Wife: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Has either spouse inherited any assets or receive any gifts? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please identify: \_\_\_\_\_

If you expect to in the future, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Do either or both of you have a safe deposit box? If so, identify ownership and provide a general description of the contents.

17. Gift Information:

a. Have you ever filed any gift tax returns? If so, please provide a copy of returns, since this information is necessary for estate tax planning. (IRS Form 709)

b. For 1982 and thereafter, have you ever made any gifts which exceed \$10,000 from either of you to a single individual (including members of your family) or \$20,000 from both of you combined?

c. For 1981 and before, have you ever made any gifts which exceeded \$3,000 from either of you or \$6,000 from both of you combined?

**D. ESTATE SUMMARY - ESTIMATED VALUE OF ESTATE**  
 indicated for accurate estate planning)

(Correct ownership must be

	Husband's Separate Property	Wife's Separate Property	Jointly- Owned Property
<b>1. ASSETS: (from Attachments A - G)</b>			
a. Cash and Bank Accounts from Attachment A	_____	_____	_____
b. Notes, Stocks, Bonds from Attachment B	_____	_____	_____
c. Real Estate from Attachment C	_____	_____	_____
d. Life Insurance from Attachment D	_____	_____	_____
e. IRA, Retirement from Attachment E	_____	_____	_____
f. Closely-Held Business Interest from Attachment F	_____	_____	_____
g. Miscellaneous from Attachment G	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	=====	=====	=====
<b>2. LIABILITIES (from Attachment H)</b>			
(List in each category only if greater than \$10,000 in that category)	<b>Husband's</b>	<b>Wife's</b>	<b>Joint</b>
a. Promissory Notes	_____	_____	_____
b. Loans on Insurance Policies	_____	_____	_____
c. Tax Liabilities	_____	_____	_____
d. Charitable Pledges	_____	_____	_____
e. Credit Card Obligations	_____	_____	_____
f. Other Obligations	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	=====	=====	=====
<b>3. NET WORTH</b> (TOTAL ASSETS - TOTAL LIABILITIES)	=====	=====	=====

**E. COPIES OF DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED BEFORE ESTATE PLANNING MAY BE COMPLETED:**

(NOT necessary to bring these documents to an initial estate planning consultation)

1. Existing Wills.
2. Deeds to real property.
3. Life insurance policies.
4. Retirement plans.
5. Buy-sell or stock redemption agreements.
6. Previous trust documents.
7. Income tax returns for last year.
8. All Gift returns ever filed.
9. Business agreements and documents regarding interest held in corporation, partnerships, and sole proprietorships.
10. Pre- or postnuptial agreements.

ATTACHMENT A: CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS

(Include IRA and retirement plan information on Attachment E, not here)

	Bank Name	Husband	Wife	Joint
Cash		_____	_____	_____
Checking Account	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Savings Account	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL for this page		=====	=====	=====

(Transfer to Estate Summary on page 7)



ATTACHMENT C: REAL ESTATE (attach additional sheets as necessary)

A. Basic Information	Parcel One	Parcel Two
1. Location	_____	_____
2. Type of Property (residential, commercial, land)	_____	_____
3. Ownership (Husband, Wife, or Joint)	_____	_____
4. If joint property, contribution of purchase price by each joint tenant	_____	_____
5. Date acquired	_____	_____
6. Income Tax Cost Basis	_____	_____
7. Present Fair Market Value	_____	_____

B. Mortgage and Other Obligations on the Property

1. Original Mortgage Amount	_____	_____
2. Current Amount of Mortgage	_____	_____
3. Maturity and Payment Schedules	_____	_____
4. Other Debt on the Property	_____	_____

C. TOTAL Net Value of All Real Estate:  
(Fair Market Value - Mortgage Obligations)                     

Husband: \_\_\_\_\_; Wife: \_\_\_\_\_; Joint: \_\_\_\_\_

(Transfer the amount of real estate owned to The Estate Summary on Page 7, entering the proper amount for Husband, Wife, or Joint ownership)

**ATTACHMENT D: LIFE INSURANCE (Include Employer-Paid Insurance)**

Information to Include Below: (ownership may be different from the life insured)

1. Policies owned by each spouse on their own life
2. Policies owned by each spouse on the other spouse's life
3. Policies owned by others on the life of each spouse.
4. Policies owned by each spouse on the lives of their children and others.

Insuring Husband's Life

Owner	Company & Policy No.	Total Benefit	Annual Premium	Cash Surrender Value	Designated Beneficiary
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL on Husband		=====	=====	=====	

Insuring Wife's Life

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL on Wife		=====	=====	=====	
TOTAL on both spouses		=====	=====	=====	

Insuring Other Lives, Policies Owned by Either or Both Spouses (Designate whose life is insured, such as children or parents)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL on other lives		=====	=====	=====	
TOTAL value of all life insurance on this page		=====	=====	=====	

Total benefit owned by Husband: \_\_\_\_\_; Total Benefit Owned by Wife: \_\_\_\_\_

(Transfer to the Estate Summary on Page 7, the total life insurance benefit owned by each spouse. Do not allocate by whose life is insured)

ATTACHMENT E: IRA, RETIREMENT, AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

a. Husband

Employer's name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Plan (Show lump sum payable upon death, since this amount is subject to estate tax)

	Benefit
1. Pension	_____
2. Profit Sharing	_____
3. Other Deferred Compensation	_____
4. IRA (personal)	_____
5. Incentive Stock Plan	_____
 HUSBAND'S TOTAL	 =====

b. Wife

Employer's name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Plan	Benefit
1. Pension	_____
2. Profit Sharing	_____
3. Other Deferred Compensation	_____
4. IRA (personal)	_____
5. Incentive Stock Plan	_____
 WIFE'S TOTAL	 =====

TOTAL for this page \_\_\_\_\_

Husband: \_\_\_\_\_; Wife: \_\_\_\_\_; Joint: \_\_\_\_\_

(Transfer to the Estate Summary on Page 7, the total amount owned by Husband, Wife, or Joint)

**ATTACHMENT F: CLOSELY-HELD BUSINESS INTERESTS** (Businesses owned by you)

**A. Basic Information**

- 1. Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Business Address \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Type of Business Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
(Proprietorship, C Corp., S Corp., Partnership, Limited Liability Company)
- 4. Business advisors, accountants \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Capitalization (if corporation)**

Common Preferred

- Outstanding \_\_\_\_\_
- Authorized \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Ownership (all organizations)**

Common Preferred Other

- Husband \_\_\_\_\_
- Wife \_\_\_\_\_
- Children \_\_\_\_\_
- Unrelated Parties \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Buy-Sell Agreement**

- 1. Does a buy-sell agreement exist? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. If so, what type? \_\_\_\_\_  
(cross-purchase, stock redemption, combination)
- 3. How funded, and if so, what amount? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Method for determining value \_\_\_\_\_  
(book value, earnings multiple, appraisal, agreed value)

**E. Other Commitments of the Business**

- 1. Stock option agreement \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Deferred compensation agreement \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Other employee benefit plans \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Key-person insurance \_\_\_\_\_

**F. Anticipated Disposition of Stock (assuming no buy-sell agreement)**

\_\_\_\_\_

**G. Estimated total value of business and method used to determine:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Transfer to Estate Summary on page 7)

**ATTACHMENT G: MISCELLANEOUS ASSETS**

	Husband	Wife	Joint
1. Personal Effects			
a. Home Furnishings	_____	_____	_____
b. Jewelry	_____	_____	_____
c. Furs/Clothing	_____	_____	_____
2. Other Tangible Personal Property			
a. Automobiles	_____	_____	_____
b. Collections (art, coin, etc)	_____	_____	_____
c. Other (boats, aircraft, etc.)	_____	_____	_____
3. Patent, Copyright, Trademark, other Royalties	_____	_____	_____
4. Mineral Interests			
a. Oil and Gas	_____	_____	_____
b. Coal	_____	_____	_____
c. Other	_____	_____	_____
5. Estates and Trusts			
a. Anticipated beneficiary distribution under will or trust	_____	_____	_____
b. Powers of Appointment General or Limited	_____	_____	_____
c. Cemetery Plot	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL for this page	=====	=====	=====

(Transfer to Estate Summary on page 7)

**ATTACHMENT H: PERSONAL LIABILITIES** (other than real estate mortgages which should be shown on Attachment C)

Only list liabilities which are greater than \$10,000; and indicate whether Owed by Husband, Wife, or Joint

	Owed By	Owed to	Amount
1. Promissory Notes	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
2. Loans on Insurance Policies	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
3. Tax Liabilities	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
4. Charitable Pledges	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
5. Credit Card Obligations	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
6. Other Obligations	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL for this page			=====

Husband: \_\_\_\_\_; Wife: \_\_\_\_\_; Joint: \_\_\_\_\_

(Transfer the amount of liabilities owed to The Estate Summary on Page 7, entering the proper amount for Husband, Wife, or Joint obligation)