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ESTATE PLANNING



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is estate planning?

Estate planning is the process of arranging for the management and disposal of your estate during your life and after your death. It involves making decisions about how your assets will be distributed, who will manage your affairs if you become incapacitated, and who will inherit your property.

What documents are typically included?

Common documents in an estate plan include:

- Last Will and Testament
- Trusts (revocable living trust, irrevocable trust, etc.)
- Power of Attorney (for financial matters and healthcare)
- Advance Directive (living will)
- Beneficiary designations for retirement accounts and life insurance policies

Why is estate planning important?

Estate planning is important for several reasons:

- It ensures that your assets are distributed according to your wishes.
- It can help minimize taxes and other expenses.
- It allows you to make provisions for the care of minor children or disabled family members.
- It provides peace of mind knowing that your affairs are in order.

When should you start estate planning?

- It's advisable to start estate planning as soon as you have assets or dependents, regardless of age. It's never too early to plan for the unexpected.
- It's a proactive step toward ensuring that your wishes are honored and your assets are managed according to your intentions, providing you and your family with greater security and peace of mind.

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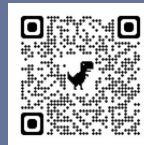
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Stephen Cox joined the firm in 2024 after returning home following years of education to prepare him for the role of representing clients. Stephen obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi in 2019, followed by his Master of Business Administration from Louisiana Tech University in 2020. He then went on to attend Louisiana State University and successfully achieved his Juris Doctor

in 2023. Recently, Stephen finished his academic achievements by obtaining his Master of Law in Taxation from Southern Methodist University in 2024. Stephen married the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Anna Cox, in 2023. They and their 2 dogs Addi and Teddy, live in Bossier City, Louisiana. Stephen enjoys being outdoors with his family or spending time with his loved ones at their camp in his spare time.

Stephen's practices consist of estate planning, tax planning, tax controversy, succession, and personal injury. He is driven to help those who have complex estate planning needs. No problem is too simple or complex for Stephen and he loves helping people accomplish certain goals.



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