2024 · WHAT ISSUES SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN REVIEWING MY ESTATE PLANNING DOCUMENTS?



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Iave you recently changed residency? If so, ensure that you ave established your domicile (i.e., legal home), and that your state plan is valid under the laws of your domicile.		 Do you need to review your appointed agents? If so, consider the following: Given the nature of this role, local or readily available agents 	the following: Given the nature of this role, local or readily available agents
bo you need to review the applicable laws and any changes that have occurred since you executed your documents (state r federal)? If so, review how your plan may have been affected, nd update it accordingly.		 may best serve your needs. If you name multiple agents, review whether they may act individually or must act jointly. Understand the potential inefficiencies and any disputes that could arise among co-agents 	If you name multiple agents, review whether they may act individually or must act jointly. Understand the potential inefficiencies and any disputes that could arise among co-agents
bo you need to confirm and share the location of your original ocuments? If so, ensure that your documents are kept in a safe ut accessible place, known to your family and/or fiduciaries.		 with respect to your health care. Confirm that your successor agents are good back-ups for your primary agents. 	 Confirm that your successor agents are good back-ups for your primary agents.
ENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY		Are you planning to undergo a health procedure? If so, consider executing the relevant medical institution's Health Care POA form, in addition to what you might have in place.	consider executing the relevant medical institution's Health Care
oo you need to confirm the terms of your General POA? If so,		Do you need to review your Health Care POA to confirm HIPAA authorizations?	
eview whether the powers are effective immediately or are springing" (contingent upon the occurrence of a factor, such as ncapacity), and whether they are durable (continue beyond your ncapacity).		Do you need to confirm that you clearly expressed your wishes regarding your end-of-life treatment options? If so, review your Living Will Declaration and your instructions regarding the provision of artificial nutrition, hydration, palliative care, and	wishes regarding your end-of-life treatment options? If so, review your Living Will Declaration and your instructions regarding the provision of artificial nutrition, hydration, palliative care, and
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individually or must act jointly. Understand the complexities that can arise when agents must act together, and consider naming		LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT	LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
individual agents under concurrent General POAs if convenience is a priority. Confirm that your successor agents are good back-ups for your primary agents.		 Do you need to review your Executor/Personal Representative appointments and successors? If so, consider the following: Confirm that your appointed fiduciary is qualified to serve under your state laws, and consider whether they are capable of 	 appointments and successors? If so, consider the following: Confirm that your appointed fiduciary is qualified to serve under
o you want to limit your agents' powers?		fulfilling their duties.	fulfilling their duties.
s there a need or good reason to record your General POA?		If you are naming co-fiduciaries, weigh the benefits against the possible complications.	
Iave you revoked any prior General POAs? If so, consider Image: Construction of the second secon		 Do you have minor children? If so, consider the following: Confirm that your plan includes trust provisions (e.g., in a testamentary trust or in a living trust) to control the timing and 	 Do you have minor children? If so, consider the following: Confirm that your plan includes trust provisions (e.g., in a

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LAST W	VILL AND TESTAMENT (CONTINUED)	YES	NO
your Cons	e one or more guardians, including successors, to care for minor children in the event of the death of both parents. sider whether the same individual(s) should serve as Trustee(s),		
When	hether a division of responsibility would be more beneficial. In naming a married couple as guardians, consider whether rce or the death of one party would affect their suitability.		
you pr	hold any testamentary powers of appointment, have roperly exercised them under your Will?		
-	u need to review the allocation of the estate and/or tance tax burden?		
	u have a plan for your digital assets and information? your Will refer to a tangible personal property memo?		
	nsure that you have completed the memo according to		
REVOC	CABLE LIVING TRUST	YES	NO
	u need to review your Trustee/Co-Trustee appointments		
Ensu	uccessors? If so, consider the following: ire that your appointed fiduciary is qualified to serve under state laws, and consider whether they are capable of		
fulfill	the costs and benefits of appointing a corporate fiduciary.		
> Do you	u have beneficiaries with special needs?		
-	u need to review the allocation of the estate and/or tance tax burden for assets passing under your trust?		
	your Will pour over into your trust?		
	bu, or do you need to, fund your trust during your ne? If so, consider what assets to convey to your trust, and		

when. Trust-owned assets will avoid probate at your death.

designations with each institution.

Do you need to add flexibility to your plan (e.g., by designating a trust protector), to allow changes should unforeseen circumstances arise in the future?

Are you concerned about a future Will or trust contest?





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