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As a child growing up in a large family in the San Fernando Valley, I learned the importance of teamwork, loyalty and hard work at an early age. I finished high school at age 17 and attended Pitzer College in Claremont, California. Four years later, I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology with a minor in Psychology and went straight to work. I met my wife and we were married in 1990, which is the same year that I became a dad.

My career path as a social worker led to a job working with mentally and physically disabled adults. In this role, I got to learn about the emotional, medical and financial needs of each client. Also, I saw first-hand how good and bad lawyering impacted their lives. I call it "the good, the bad and the ugly" estate plans. With carefully built estate plans, my clients had plenty of financial options; with bad estate plans, some people suffered terrible losses. But the ugliest problems happened when someone died without any estate plan.

One of my favorite clients suffered the loss of both parents unexpectedly and with a "bad" estate plan. Suddenly he was the subject of a probate case for his parents' assets and a conservatorship action to decide where he would live. After 15 months of court costs, repeated delays and emotional stress, he was forced to leave our program and move out of state. When it happened, I shared my deep frustration with my wife. And I said those famous words, "that lawyer screwed up everything, I could do a better job myself." And my wife answered, "you're right, you should go to law school, you'd be great". Now, I had said nothing about going to law school and I had no interest in going to law school because I had no desire to be a lawyer. Absolutely NO desire to be a lawyer.

But I realized that she was right. And I wanted to make sure that no one ever suffered like my client had suffered. I could help others avoid "bad" estate planning, by building high-quality "good" estate plans.

Determined that everyone deserves the full protection of the law, I enrolled at the University of San Diego School of Law. It was a great school and I took every class about Trusts, Wills and Estate Planning. I took summer courses and extra classes each semester so I could finish in 2 ½ years (instead of 3 years like my class-mates). I passed the Bar exam on the first try and started my career. That was in 1995.

I have been serving the hard-working families of the Antelope Valley ever since 1995. With my experience inside and outside of the courtroom, I have seen a great need for parents to have peace of mind and financial security by creating comprehensive estate plans that benefit their entire family, often for several generations. I have written hundreds of Wills and Trusts for people from many different backgrounds, with many different personal goals.

Over the past decade, there have been many dramatic changes in estate planning laws. There are many “experts” and opinions out there, even countless websites that provide outdated or bad information for free. It’s impossible to get reliable personalized information for your family unless you sit down with someone who takes the time to understand your unique situation and goals. When you work with my office, you get all of your questions answered and you learn which options are best.

We take the time to do the job right and to make sure that you’re protected when the laws change again. We customize an estate plan for your family and review the plan with you regularly, because protecting our clients is our highest priority. If you have received an inheritance, we can ensure that you get the maximum benefit by quickly getting access to the asset and moving it to a tax-deferred account where you save thousands of dollars for your family. And we work closely with a team of financial advisors and tax experts, to make sure that you legally reduce your taxes and increase your financial security. We are the only law firm in the Antelope Valley that brings all of these skills together, in one convenient location.

During my career, I have served as a Judge Pro Tem in Los Angeles County Municipal and Superior Courts. I have been active with many local community groups such as the Antelope Valley Children’s Choir, Quartz Hill Little League, and the Boy Scouts of America. I also served as President of the Board at Desert Haven Enterprises and President of the Antelope Valley Bar Association. Most important, my wife and I have had two more kids, and we are the proud parents of a college graduate, a college student and a high school student.

Five Steps To Protecting Your Estate

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help you achieve **your** dreams. We take the time to understand the intricacies of your unique situation because we recognize that no two clients are the same. We guide you to create a complete, customized estate plan to protect your assets and your loved ones.

Preparing your estate plan should not be a rash decision. Making decisions to **“protect your estate for your loved ones”** takes precise planning and ongoing evaluation. For this reason we’ve created a **five** step process during which you and our team work together to create a plan that is designed to accomplish **your** goals and

1

DISCOVERY

We review your past estate plans, including any wills or trusts. We discuss any recent changes in your assets or heirs, then talk about your options for avoiding probate and reducing or eliminating estate and income taxes.

2

ANALYSIS

You deliver the completed forms to our office, and we answer any other questions about your estate plan. We provide expert advice and guide you to picking the best options for you and your loved ones. Then, the first draft of your estate plan is sent to you within 48 hours.

3

REVISION

With your help, we make any changes that you want. We often make two or three revisions to the original plan, until you approve the final draft. Once you approve of your estate plan, we schedule a final meeting to sign and notarize your documents.

4

SIGNING

We meet again to go through every page of your estate plan one more time. Our notary helps you properly sign these papers, at no cost and our staff acts as witnesses for your Will. Finally, we talk about other financial or tax options which may benefit you.

5

FUNDING

As an option, we will prepare all of the paperwork, including deeds for land and transfer documents for banking, or investment accounts, to immediately protect your loved ones and your assets

Once we decide on a customized plan that works for you, we revise the plan and walk you through signing your plan and transferring your assets. We have an open door policy for our clients and never charge for an appointment. We always strive to provide exceptional service and create lasting relationships.

If you have any questions about the process please give us a call
There is no cost associated with our *Protecting Your Estate* consultation.

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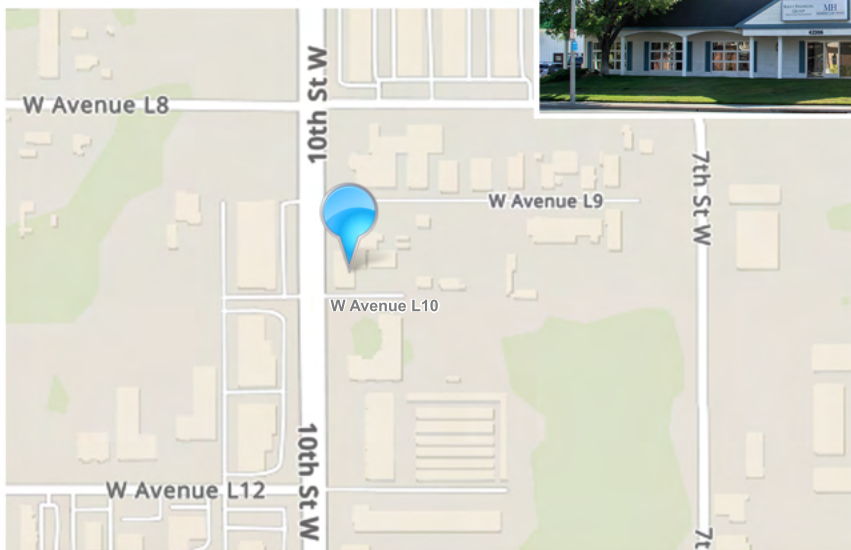
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