


Advance Planning

Legal Services of Northwest Jersey

Overview

- ▶ Who we can help
 - ▶ Our advance planning
 - ▶ A few other things we can do
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Who we can help

▶ New Client Criteria

- Income below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level
 - Approx. \$40,770/yr for individual
- HIV/AIDS (500% FPL)
- Over 60 years old – consult

▶ Exclusionary criteria

- Lacking lawful residency status
 - Citizen, LPR, Violence Against Women Act (DV/trafficking)
- Conflicts of interest

Last Will & Testament

- ▶ What ours is
 - Short, simple document naming
 - Executor to distribute your estate,
 - Beneficiaries to inherit, and
 - funeral disposition rep(s) to arrange your post-life disposition
- ▶ What's not covered
 - Trusts & Estate planning – except beneficiaries under 18
 - Specific funeral arrangements
 - Specific instructions for pets or items that need extended post-life care

Power of Attorney

- ▶ What ours is
 - In a nutshell – the will for while you're alive
 - List of enumerated powers from banking to bill collecting
 - Nomination of Guardian if needed
 - Guardian vs POA – no consent/capacity, force of court order
- ▶ What's different
 - We create only durable POAs

Advance Directives for Healthcare

- ▶ What it is
 - POA for end of life healthcare decisions
 - Designation of HC Rep
 - Designee & Alternate (optional)
 - Instruction Directive
 - Specific instances
 - Terminal illness
 - Permanently unconscious
 - Incurable & irreversible (but not terminal)
 - Tubes – food, liquid
 - CPR
 - Anatomical gifts (organ donation)
- ▶ Why you need it
 - Have someone in your corner
 - Pass on your own terms
 - Gift to your loved ones

A few other things we can do

- ▶ Landlord–Tenant issues
- ▶ Public benefits – denial or termination of Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP
- ▶ Debt Collection Defense – CC, medical, auto debts, bankruptcy (as part of consultation)
- ▶ Represent DV victims
- ▶ Criminal Record Expungements

- ▶ When in doubt, call us
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