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## ESTATE PLANNING 101

1. Estate planning essentials for avoiding probate – death and incapacity
  - a. Revocable Trust
  - b. Pour Over Will
  - c. Durable Financial Power of Attorney
  - d. Advanced Health Care Directive
2. The Revocable Living Trust
  - a. Structure – simple trust, disclaimer trust, A/B or A/B/C trust
  - b. Distribution – outright or not?
    - i. Minor's Trust
    - ii. Special Needs
    - iii. Other continuing trusts
  - c. Successor Trustee – family/friends or professional?
3. Funding your Trust
  - a. Deeds for real property
  - b. Certification of Trust for financial companies – banks and brokerage companies
  - c. Assignment of business interests – LLCs, Corporations, Partnerships
  - d. IRAs, 401(k)s, and other retirement accounts
    - i. Beneficiary Designations
    - ii. Vehicle for charitable gifting
  - e. Life Insurance
  - f. Personal property
4. Maintaining your trust
  - a. When to review – 5 to 10 years OR
  - b. Be mindful of changes in assets or family structure
  - c. Refinancing on real estate
5. Recent changes in the law
  - a. Prop 19 and the parent to child reassessment exclusion
  - b. Digital assets
  - c. Portability and the estate tax
    - i. Current exemption amount this year is \$13,610,000
    - ii. Sunset in 2025 – back to approximately \$5m - 6m
  - d. Capital gains?

# “Ask First!”

This form is to be filled out by any person who is offering legal, financial, retirement, insurance, accounting, estate, long-term care or similar planning services. Respond to ALL categories completely; sign and date at the bottom of the page.

① **MY EDUCATION-** I have achieved the following level of education (check HIGHEST level achieved):

<input type="checkbox"/> Some High School	<input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors Degree
<input type="checkbox"/> GED	<input type="checkbox"/> Some College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Masters or other Advanced Degree

② **MY CREDENTIAL(S)-** I have the following specialized credential(s) and training (examples: CFP, ChFC, CLU, CPA, JD, MBA, years of relevant experience):

JD – 10 years
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③ **MY RELEVANT LICENSE(S)-** I have the following license(s) giving me the legal authority to provide the services I am offering to you (examples: bar license (attorney); securities license; insurance license):

License Type	Covers What Activities	Issued By	License No.
CA State Bar	Practice of law	CA	310668

④ **LEGAL SERVICES-** (Check ONE):

- I DO NOT practice law, and the services I am offering to you do not involve practicing law.
- I DO practice law, and have an active license to practice law in California.
- I DO practice law, but DO NOT have an active license to practice law in California. I am, however, under the supervision of the following attorney who has an active license to practice law in California:

Name of attorney:	Telephone:
Address:	

⑤ **OUR BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP-** Check TRUE or FALSE:

- True /  False: In our business relationship, I will at all times serve as a fiduciary and put your interests before my interests and those of my employer.


⑥ **MY COMPENSATION-** I will be paid in the following way (commission, fee, salary, etc.), by the named person or company, in connection with the services I am offering to you:

Way(s) I'll Be Paid	Payment Will Be Made By (name each person or company)
Fee	Client

⑦ **FINANCIAL PRODUCTS / AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS-** Check TRUE or FALSE:

- True /  False: I offer or sell annuities, insurance, mutual funds or other financial products; or I am, or my employer is, affiliated with a person or organization that offers or sells annuities, insurance, mutual funds or other financial products.

⑧ **I certify under penalty of perjury that the responses herein are true to the best of my knowledge.**

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