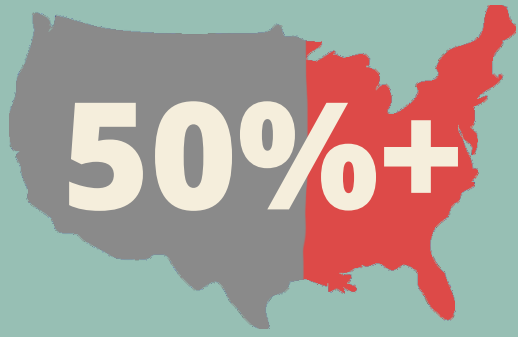




ESTATE PLANNING DURING THE PANDEMIC



Numbers have shown that more than half of the people living in the United States do not have estate planning documents in place.

OVER 18

At a minimum, everyone over the age of eighteen needs three things:

1 A WILL

2 FINANCIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

3 ADVANCE HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVE

HOMEOWNERS

Do you own a home in California? Homeowners should have a living trust to keep your loved ones out of probate court.



PARENTS

Parents with small children, should have guardianship provisions in their will or trust.

HOSPITALIZED?

What if you procrastinated and are hospitalized without an estate plan in place? If you have capacity, you can sign documents in the hospital. An estate planning attorney can meet with you by phone, or via video chat, to determine your needs. Your attorney can draft the legal documents that make your wishes known. If mobile notaries and witnesses are allowed in the facility your documents can easily be finalized.



SIGNING DOCUMENTS



If the standard signing of documents is not possible. It may be possible to sign an affidavit asking that the wishes expressed within the documents be honored by all individuals and courts as though they were signed in the presence of a notary and witnesses. The resulting documents should be valid even though they are not executed under ideal circumstances. These documents should be signed under more formal circumstances when the Covid-19 Pandemic is at an end.

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