

Don't Leave Your Family a Legal Mess

A friendly guide to essential estate planning in Michigan

Good news: You don't need to be wealthy to need an estate plan.

Bad news: If you don't have one, the State of Michigan has one for you.

- 1. Last Will & Testament: Says who gets your assets and names guardians for minor children.**
- 2. Durable Power of Attorney (Financial): Lets someone manage finances if you cannot.**
- 3. Patient Advocate (Medical POA): Allows someone to make medical decisions for you.**
- 4. Living Will: States your wishes for life support and end-of-life care.**
- 5. Revocable Living Trust: Helps avoid probate and manage assets smoothly.**
- 6. Lady Bird Deed: Transfers your home automatically at death without probate.**

Typical Michigan Plan Includes:

Will, Financial POA, Medical POA, Living Will, Lady Bird Deed (if homeowner), and sometimes a Trust.

What happens if you do nothing?

More court involvement, more cost, more delay, and more stress for your family.

Estate planning isn't about death—it's about making life easier for the people you love.