

estate planning



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understands what you need.

Did you know that:

- Probate fees and taxes can be reduced or eliminated with proper estate planning.
- B.C. law allows your spouse (including common law) and children to apply to vary your Will after your death.
- Your separated spouse may be able to make a claim against your estate.
- If you die without a Will, the distribution of your estate will not be in accordance with your wishes, but will be made to comply with government regulation.

Don't let the government be your estate planner.

Why do I need an estate plan?

Do you want...

your Estate to go to loved ones and charities of your choosing?

Do you want...

to minimize the taxes that will be paid out of your estate on your death?

Do you have...

family members, especially your spouse and children, that you want to protect and provide for?

Have you...

recently been married or separated, or commenced living with someone you care about?

Do you want...

to avoid a costly court application should you or your spouse suddenly become ill and unable to look after your affairs?

If you answered “yes” to one or more of these questions – you need an estate plan. Our team of professionals will assist you with the legal documents you need for proper estate planning. These usually include a Will and a Power of Attorney, and often include other estate planning tools, such as Trusts and Representation Agreements.

To assist you in completing an estate plan that meets all of your needs, we offer package pricing for preparation of multiple documents.

What is a Will?

A Will directs an appointed person (your Executor) to distribute your assets in accordance with your wishes. If you have young children it will also name a legal guardian to look after them should you and your spouse die before they become adults at age 19. Your Will is the most fundamental estate planning tool and everyone with assets and family needs to have a current Will.

What is a Power of Attorney?

A Power of Attorney allows a trusted family member, friend or trust company (the Attorney) to act on your behalf in the event that you are unavailable or unable (for health or other reasons) to attend to your legal and financial affairs.

What is a Representation Agreement?

A Representation Agreement appoints a trusted family member or friend (the Representative) to make healthcare decisions for you should you be medically unfit to do so.

What is a Trust?

A trust appoints a family member, friend or trust company (the Trustee) to manage and make decisions for a fund of money set aside for a child or spouse that you wish to provide for. Trusts are often found in Wills, and are frequently used to provide financial stability for minor children until they reach adulthood.



Why should I choose Severide Law?

We have over 30 years of experience assisting people just like you to prepare for death and incapacity.

Your estate plan will be tailored to you and your family's circumstances by a team of experienced professionals at an affordable cost.

Most of your estate plan can be created and prepared without multiple office visits. We pride ourselves on producing the documents you need, when you need them, and with minimum inconvenience to your busy schedule.

We are available to update your documents or answer your questions at your convenience, and we will keep our clients informed of important changes in the law that may impact estate planning.

If the information contained in this brochure raises important questions for you, we are here to help. Contact us in person, by telephone, by email, or through our website:



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