

THE TIM BARKLEY LAW OFFICES

Since 1991, the Tim Barkley Law Offices have provided legal and estate services to individuals, families and businesses throughout central Maryland and northern Virginia.

Attorney Tim Barkley is able to provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to clients, while always paying close attention to personal details.

To learn more about the coordinated menu of services offered by the Tim Barkley Law Offices, or to set up your initial consultation, please contact us today.

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Offering Premier Services in Estate Planning and Administration, Elder Law, Real Estate, Business Planning and more.

Estate Planning

Ensuring that your estate benefits those you love.

Estate Administration

Seeing to the faithful discharge of your dreams.

Elder Law

Allowing you to control and direct your affairs.

Real Estate

Covering all transactions and settlements.

Business Planning

Helping you chart the right course for success.

Non-Profit Organizations

Serving those whose mission is to serve others.

Litigation

Guiding you through even the most complex cases.

Benefiting Those You Love

Estate Planning is about you, your family, and your estate. It's about doing everything you can to be sure that your estate - everything you own and control - is used to benefit those you love. Estate planning is about life, not death. It's the way you live on, in and through your loved ones.

When The Time Is Right

Come to us when you need to create a plan or update an existing plan. It may be a marriage, the birth of a child, a child leaving for college, an approaching retirement - when you need us, we are ready and able to help.

You might come to us if you have seen a friend or family member struggle through a costly or time consuming estate, or even a contested will. We consider it our duty to make sure that doesn't happen to your loved ones.

What Direction to Take?

Initially we will establish your assets and liabilities, and ask the question - if you died today, what would be left? We'll also establish what responsibilities you have and how you would want those responsibilities handled after your death - and by whom.

Once we establish exactly what you have, next we will need to decide who you'll be passing it on to, and how you'll be getting it there.

There are many directions a plan can take, according to your unique circumstances, but you can rest assured that our office has the knowledge and experience to help you make the best choice for you and your family.

Finding the Right Plan

It could be a trust for young dependents or a distribution plan for grown children, other relatives, friends and charities. You might decide on a living trust (that remains private and avoids probate) to vastly improve and simplify things later; or a properly established will to make things easier for your executor.

There are also ways to maximize the distribution of monies over time - plans that can not only increase the total value of the estate through investments, but can also defer distribution so an inheritance isn't spent all at once.

Special Circumstances

More involved situations - the protection of young children or taxation issues, for example - will often benefit from the flexibility of a living trust. And those with substantial estates will want to look into sophisticated planning such as irrevocable trusts.

And if you die leaving behind no plan at all - not even a will? The government will tax your estate at the maximum rate before distributing what's left to your heirs.

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We can also advise married couples who have children from previous marriages. A simple “sweetheart will” that leaves everything to the surviving spouse, could literally disinherit the children of the first spouse to die.

Without proper planning these types of situations can lead to lawsuits, ill will and monetary loss to all parties.

Farmers, Business and Land Owners

In our practice we emphasize coordinating estate planning documents with business plans and buy-sell agreements, real estate holdings, financial plans and investment instruments. We have the experience to get things right and avoid costly problems later.

We also review existing plans so that, when the time finally arrives, they will work the way they were originally designed.

Leaving behind a bad plan or an out-of-date plan can be almost as bad as leaving behind no plan at all.

