

ESTATE PLANNING VALUE ADDS

When most people think about estate planning, they often assume it is just about creating legal documents or utilizing specific tools provided by an estate planning attorney. However, your plan can be much more than a stack of papers. The following items can add a layer of value to your plan by sharing important information with your loved ones.



Consider recording a message for your loved ones. This can be a specific message of good wishes for them or a recounting of an important lesson or event from your life that you want to share.



Consider recording yourself on camera to share lessons you have learned. Seeing you may make the message more meaningful for your loved ones and will allow you to have a physical presence in their lives after you have passed away. You may also want to share videos of important events in your life so that your loved ones can experience them as if they were there.



Whether printed or digital, many people have photos from their most important life events or experiences. Sharing them can allow your loved ones to see the world through your eyes. It can also be a great way to capture memories today that will survive after you have passed away.



Writing a letter to your loved ones can be a great way to express your wishes and gratitude. In addition, it can serve as a tangible reminder for your loved ones after you have passed away. Sharing letters or postcards you have received over the years can also offer a special glimpse into your life, showcasing the important people with whom you corresponded and places you visited or wished to visit.