# **Executive Summary**

# The Estate Plan Registry (EPR)

"Bridging privacy with accountability."

The **Estate Plan Registry (EPR)** is a secure, centralized service created to solve a widespread problem in estate planning: important documents—like wills, trusts, and healthcare directives—are often never found, even when they exist. Because these documents are private by nature, families and fiduciaries are often unaware of their presence until it's too late.

**EPR does not store estate planning documents.** Instead, it registers essential information: the existence of an estate plan, the type of document, and where it is stored or who holds it (typically the attorney or fiduciary). This simple act of registration brings structure, accountability, and peace of mind—without compromising privacy.

## **Why It Matters**

- Reduces family conflict and legal disputes due to missing or unknown estate plans.
- Protects privacy by never storing documents—only verifying their existence.
- Supports attorneys and fiduciaries by offering a non-invasive way to ensure their work is discovered and respected.
- Encourages national legal consistency with a system that can scale across all 50 states.

#### **How It Works**

- 1. Estate planning attorneys or individuals register a will, trust, or related document.
- 2. The registry captures basic metadata: document type, storage location, and the name of the professional or party holding it.
- 3. Upon a client's passing, authorized parties can search the registry to verify whether a plan exists and how to contact the custodian.

### The Vision

To make the Estate Plan Registry a standard resource across the United States—supporting attorneys, families, and lawmakers by ensuring estate plans are never lost or overlooked again.