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PROTECT WHAT YOU'VE BUILT



THE EX FILES

7 ESTATE
PLANNING
MISTAKES
DIVORCED
AND
REMARRIED
PEOPLE
MAKE

YOU'VE MOVED ON. HAS YOUR ESTATE PLAN?

THE 7 MISTAKES YOU'VE PROBABLY MADE AT LEAST ONE.

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Divorce, remarriage, blended families... your life has changed. It's time your legal documents caught up.



MISTAKE #1: YOUR WILL STILL NAMES YOUR EX

You meant to update it... five years ago. But in probate, what's written wins. Don't accidentally give your ex control – or your house.

FIX: REVOKE YOUR OLD WILL AND CREATE ONE THAT REFLECTS YOUR CURRENT RELATIONSHIPS AND VALUES.

MISTAKE #2: OUTDATED BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

Life insurance, retirement accounts, and brokerage accounts all pass outside your will. If your ex is still listed, guess who gets paid?

FIX: REVIEW ALL BENEFICIARY FORMS AND UPDATE THEM WITH YOUR NEW ESTATE PLAN.

MISTAKE #3: NO GUARDIANSHIP PLAN FOR YOUR MINOR KIDS

If you and your co-parent pass away, do you know who gets custody? Will your new partner be considered?

FIX: LEGALLY NAME SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM GUARDIANS – AND COMMUNICATE THAT PLAN WITH EVERYONE INVOLVED.

MISTAKE #4: LEAVING THE HOUSE IN BOTH NAMES

Joint ownership sounds simple – until you're gone and the wrong person inherits it. Worse if it's your ex.

FIX: USE TRUSTS AND DEEDS TO CLARIFY OWNERSHIP AND PASS REAL ESTATE EFFICIENTLY AND PRIVATELY.

MISTAKE #5: MAKING YOUR EX THE EXECUTOR OR POWER OF ATTORNEY

Unless you want your ex making life-and-death or financial decisions... check your docs. Now.

FIX: NAME TRUSTED AGENTS AND FIDUCIARIES WHO ALIGN WITH YOUR CURRENT LIFE, NOT YOUR PAST ONE.

MISTAKE #6: IGNORING STEPCHILDREN AND BLENDED FAMILY DYNAMICS

“I thought they'd figure it out.”

Spoiler: They won't. Step-kids, ex-in-laws, and biological children rarely agree.

FIX: SPELL OUT INHERITANCES CLEARLY AND USE TRUSTS TO PROTECT EVERYONE – ESPECIALLY YOUR NEW SPOUSE.

MISTAKE #7: ASSUMING YOUR DIVORCE AGREEMENT COVERS YOUR ESTATE

It doesn't. That agreement is about your marriage, not your death.

FIX: REVIEW YOUR LEGAL DOCS WITH AN ATTORNEY WHO UNDERSTANDS POST-DIVORCE ESTATE STRATEGY.

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READY TO UPDATE YOUR ESTATE PLAN?

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DON'T LET OUTDATED DOCUMENTS LEAVE YOUR LOVED ONES IN CHAOS.

Book your free 15-minute Legacy Check-In today and get personal, non-judgmental advice on what needs to change — and what's still working.

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At Shore Estate Law, I make the process simple, personal, and judgment-free. Whether you're remarried, raising kids, or just trying to get your ducks in a row, I'm here to guide you with clarity, care, and a little humor.

Ready to update your plan?

Let's talk.

