

# Law Tips



Each week we will present our community with useful law tips for you to better navigate legal needs, estate planning and more.

## **What Is Estate Planning?**

Estate planning is the process of deciding in advance how your assets, responsibilities, and personal matters will be handled if you pass away or become unable to manage them yourself.

Your “estate” includes everything you own, from land and mineral rights to your home, bank accounts, and personal belongings. Estate planning isn’t just about deciding who gets what; it’s about making sure the right people can make decisions for you, protecting the value of what you’ve worked for, and avoiding unnecessary legal hurdles.

Unlike a simple will, a complete estate plan can also include trusts, powers of attorney, and healthcare directives — all working together to cover both what happens after you’re gone and what happens if you’re still here but unable to manage your affairs.

If you have any legal needs or questions, please don’t hesitate to schedule a free consultation by calling 307-475-6030.



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