



Founder Anne I. Shaw

Anne has decades of experience to help you choose the best estate plan for you and your family. Her firm is equipped to handle preparation of estate documents, probate court, negotiation with creditors, estate administration, and real estate transactions.

Awards and Accolades

- ✓ Superb 10/10 rating from AVVO for 2011 through 2019.
- ✓ Chicago Volunteer Legal Services 2012 Volunteer Recognition.
- ✓ Appointed to the Programs Board and Long Range Planning Committee for the American Bar Association's GP Solo/Small Firm Committee.
- ✓ National Asian Pacific American Bar Associations 2009 Best Lawyers Under 40, of which NAPABA has only recognized 18 attorneys.
- ✓ Named "40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch 2008".
- ✓ Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County's Civic Leadership award.



Estate planning is *essential*.

Protect your loved ones' assets from individuals and creditors. Keep their wealth out of court and ensure it is safely in the hands of those who matter most to you.



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REASONS TO PLAN YOUR ESTATE:

- ✓ Protect assets from creditors or individuals who believe they are entitled to your wealth.
- ✓ Keep assets within your family and out of a public court proceeding.
- ✓ A Will does not always avoid court and will become a public document.
- ✓ Provide for funeral arrangements and expenses reducing stress for your family.
- ✓ Control how much a minor or disabled beneficiary receives.
- ✓ Reduce tax liability in some situations.

ESTATE PLANNING*

General information only. Not legal advice. Please speak with an attorney for more information.

No Estate Planning Documents

Government decides what to do with assets in public probate court.

Assets become vulnerable to those who believe they are entitled.

Next of kin makes medical/financial decisions if you are incapacitated but expected to recover.

Will

Your wishes on what to do with property/estate after death.

Estate goes through public probate court if you own real property and/or liquid assets over \$100,000.

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Trust

Plan to protect assets for those who matter most.

Avoids public probate court and may protect assets from creditors/others.

Helps manage wealth and may be guardianship plan for minors or vulnerable/disabled loved ones.

Transfer on Death Certificate

Affordable way to transfer property at death to a beneficiary and avoid public probate court.

Ideal for those with a single property and under \$100,000 of cash at time of passing.

Power of Attorney of Property and Health

Document that allows a person to make end of life decisions for him/herself.

Living Will

Legal declaration allowing another person to handle your finances/medical decisions when you are incapacitated but expected to recover.

CONSULT AN ESTATE LAWYER IF YOU:

- ✓ Own a business.
- ✓ Own real estate (especially if in more than one state).
- ✓ Have minor children or a disabled family member.
- ✓ Are recently married or divorced.
- ✓ Have substantial assets in 401(k) and/or IRAs.
- ✓ Have liquid assets over \$100,000.

