

Afsar Estate Planning

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Welcome to Issue #19 of News You Can Use. As an Attorney, Karin Schumacher has been advising, counseling and assisting clients with their Estate Plans since 2001; she has prepared and executed over 5500 Wills, Trusts, Deeds, Advance Health Care Directives and Powers of Attorney. Afsar Estate Planning focuses on Providing Estate Planning Expertly, Efficiently & Affordably.

[New Year...New Tax Laws](#)

The 2017 Tax Act increases the Federal Estate and Gift Tax exemption and the Gift Tax annual exclusion amounts for the next 8 years (1/1/18 through 12/31/25). The 2018 Federal Estate Tax exemption has doubled to \$11.2 Million for individuals; \$22.4 Million for couples. In 2026, unless new law is enacted that continues the 2017 Tax Act, the Federal Estate Tax exemption returns to the 2017 exemption amount (\$5.49 Million). Additionally, the beneficiaries still receive a stepped up in basis, which is valued at the decedent's date of death. Capital Gains Tax is avoided as to the appreciation that occurred while the decedent owned the asset prior to their death. The Gift Tax annual exclusion amount increases from \$14,000 (2017) to \$15,000 (2018). Thus, you can individually give away \$15,000 or \$30,000 if married, in a given tax year, to anyone, without having to file a Federal Gift Tax return and without using any of your lifetime Federal Estate and Gift Tax exemption amount.

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Sitting In The Back Of A Plane Makes You 40% More Likely To Survive A Crash.

A 4-Year-Old Asks An Average Of 437 Questions/Day

Breathing The Air In Mumbai, India For Just 1 Day Is Like Smoking 2.5 Packs Of Cigarettes.

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WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WEREN'T AFRAID?

Presentations

If you, your group or anyone you know would be interested in scheduling a Presentation, contact [Afsar Estate Planning](#) or call 858-356-2731. Karin has taught at Miramar College, Poway Adult Ed and is a sought after speaker with Oasis, Senior Centers, Churches, Libraries, Groups and Clubs. Topics include:

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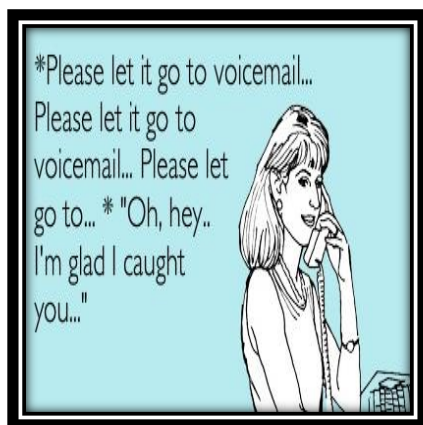
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Questions?

If you have questions about your Will, Trust, or Estate Planning, [Request A FREE Phone Consult](#). Maybe you already have your Estate Plan in place, perhaps you are not ready to prepare it quite yet, but it is likely that you know someone who would benefit from having their Estate Plan made or existing Trust reviewed. You can have them [contact](#) Attorney [Karin Schumacher](#) with [Afsar Estate Planning](#). She has been helping people with their Estate Plans since 2001.

Quotatious Quotes

Hope Is The Only Thing Stronger Than Fear
Integrity Is Doing The Right Thing, When No One's Looking
If I Say I Will Do It. I Will Do It. No Need To Remind Me Every 6 Months
I Can't Believe How Old People My Age Are



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