

Personal Estate Plan Details Available Online

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In this day and age we all depend on the internet for instant access to breaking news, up-to-the-minute traffic and information about anyone or anything at our fingertips. Virtually anything can be found on the internet. Most courts now have online access to court records as well.

A quick search of a person's name in a district court database will reveal all the times that person has been in court or filed a document with the court. While generally complete file records are still only available in person in a courthouse, there are online companies who now scan court records and make them available to the general public for a fee.

When an estate goes through probate, it becomes part of the public court records. That means that a last will and testament which goes through probate may be accessible by the public. Most people never imagine someone might be reading their personal intentions and property distributions from the comfort of their couch on a computer.

Through the use of trusts and payable-on-death accounts, a testator can keep many private details of an estate out of the public eye. An estate plan drafted by an experienced estate planning attorney will incorporate these strategies and can decrease the chances of your estate going through probate.

Getting Legal Help

Experienced California Estate Planning Attorney Shannon Howell can help you understand estate planning and create a plan to protect your assets and your loved ones. **Contact us today to discuss your individual planning needs at (619)-739-4657 begin_of_the_skype_highlighting (619)-739-4657 end_of_the_skype_highlighting.**
