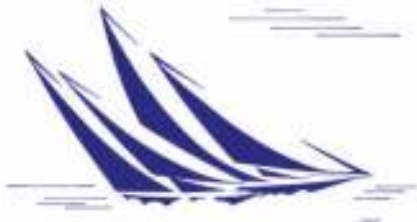


Connelly Law Offices, Ltd.

Elder Law Attorneys



Connelly Law is an elder law firm that specializes in estate planning and probate law, as well as a variety of fiduciary services. Our firm, established in 1970, continues to serve Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. To ensure that our clients' assets are not only protected throughout their lives, but after they pass away as well, our firm helps clients create clear and concise estate plans.

For clients who are facing probate regarding a loved one's estate, we have the ability to assist them throughout the entire process. We also have the ability to help elderly clients who wish to plan for retirement, need fiduciary assistance, or need representation during an elder exploitation case.

We offer our clients the highest quality of legal representation and are licensed to practice before the Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Federal Bars.



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Attorney Connelly practices in the area of elder law. This area of law involves Medicaid planning and asset protection advice for those individuals entering nursing homes, planning for the possibility of disability through the use of powers of attorney for the both health care and finances, guardianship, estate planning, probate and estate administration, preparation of wills, living trusts and special or supplemental needs trusts.

Attorney Connelly practices heavily in both contested and uncontested probate court matters and provides a wide range of fiduciary services to his clients in acting as trustee, attorney-in-fact, and representative payee or other court appointments.

He represents clients primarily in the states of Rhode Island, Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

He was certified as an Elder Law Attorney (CELA) by the National Elder Law Foundation (NELF) in 2008. He was only the third attorney in Rhode Island certified as CELA and is the only practicing CELA in Providence County.

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About Estate Planning

Estate planning is important for people of all ages because it addresses financial, personal and healthcare decisions that have implications for the quality of life for the individual and for the family.



Estate planning is just as important for young adults as it is for seniors. Young families should take special care to have a plan to provide for children in the case of an unexpected misfortune.

An estate plan ensures that personal wishes are honored and meant to evolve with the progression of life events such as marriage, births, deaths and home purchases. At a minimum, it should contain a Last Will and Testament, guardianship of any minor children, any beneficiaries with special needs, insurance, investments, durable powers of attorney and healthcare directives.

In addition, the estate's assets are protected against an individual's possible future mental or physical incapacity and the catastrophic costs of long-term medical and nursing care.

Well drafted estate plans save taxes, court and attorney costs. Most importantly, mourning loved ones are spared the stress of searching for legal and financial help at the most difficult time.

A Connelly Law Offices' elder law attorney can assist you in evaluating the many facets of your personal situation. Through careful consideration of your unique needs and goals, we can help protect you and your family's interests now and far into the future.

Wills

A will is an essential estate planning document. Your will directs where and to whom your estate will go after your death. If you die without a will (intestate), your estate will be distributed according to the laws of the state. Unfortunately, the state's decision on the distribution of your assets may not meet your wishes. Well crafted wills can also reduce estate taxes and time consuming disputes.

Trusts

A trust is a legal arrangement through which one person or an institution (a bank or law firm) called a "trustee" holds legal title to property held for another person called the "beneficiary". The rules for the trust are set forth in the trust document. The primary advantage of a trust is that it avoids probate. There are many types of trust and the elder law professionals at Connelly Law can discuss what may be best for your situation.

Power of Attorney (POA)

For most people, the Power of Attorney is the most important estate planning document. A POA allows the person you appoint to act in your place for financial purposes as soon as it is executed. It is especially useful in a situation where you may become incapacitated.

The person appointed as the POA will be able to step in and take care of financial affairs. Without this, no one can represent your financial needs without the court appointing a guardian, a process that takes time, money and the judge may appoint someone not of your choosing. There are many types of Power of Attorney and Connelly Law can help find the one that fits your unique situation.

Guardianship

Every person who is authorized to make a will may elect a guardian or guardians for their minor children, subject to the approval of the probate court. A guardian may only be elected if both the mother and father are unable to care for the children. Connelly Law can help you with this planning.

Advance Healthcare Directives

A thorough estate plan must contain a medical directive. A healthcare directive includes multiple documents such as a health care proxy and living will. A proxy allows you to designate another to make your healthcare decisions if you cannot and a living will is a document that expresses your medical instructions. Connelly Law can guide you in these matters.

Wealth Management Services

As part of an estate plan, Connelly Law can provide portfolio oversight that combines insurance policies with investments that can prepare you and your family for both unforeseen hardships and those important life milestones.

We work closely with you to ensure that your investment strategies are consistent with your overall estate planning goals.

Whether it be discussing life insurance policies that help beneficiaries handle daily living expenses, pay or mortgage or a college education or defraying the costs of a funeral or estate taxes, Connelly Law can help manage the wealth you accumulated through hard work and savings.

Call us today at **855-724-9400**.