

Pricing Guidelines: Estate Planning

General Pricing Guidelines

The pricing guidelines below should be interpreted only as estimates, and are subject to adjustment at our discretion. However, pricing for a matter will only increase if your case is complex or requires much more time than usual. We will never bill you for work that is not discussed with you and agreed upon beforehand. For all hourly work our fee is \$175 *per hour*. Please contact our office if you have a pricing-related question about your individual matter. Additionally, at our discretion and based on financial need, some fees may be lowered to accommodate low income households or other special needs. These pricing guidelines do not include any filing fees imposed by the government and/or any other agency or court appearances, unless indicated as such below.

Consultation

FREE

At Bielinska Law LLC, we offer free 30 minute consultation. We know that your time is valuable, and so is ours. During your first consultation, we will review your matter with you and make sure we have a firm grasp on all of the details, discuss the laws that affect your matter with you, answer your questions, help you evaluate your options going forward, and collect any information from you that we may need to begin work.

Planning Packages

Core Estate Plan

\$575 per individual

\$775 per couple

Includes, for each person:

- Simple Will
- Durable Power of Attorney (General and Financial Powers)
- Health Care Power of Attorney
- HIPAA Authorization

The Core Estate Plan is our basic estate planning package. This plan is designed for individuals or families with no minor children. It allows you to name individuals to handle your financial affairs in the event of your incapacity, as well as direct the distribution of your estate through probate. It also allows you to provide directions for your own health care and name an individual to make your health care decisions for you if need be. This plan also includes a HIPAA Authorization for your health care attorney-in-fact.

Fundamental Family Plan

\$750 per individual

\$950 per couple

Includes, for each person:

- Will (with testamentary trust and/or guardianship provisions)
- Appointment of a standby guardian, if applicable
- Durable Power of Attorney (General and Financial Powers)
- Health Care Power of Attorney
- HIPAA Authorization

The Fundamental Family Plan is designed for individuals or families with minor children (under 18 years of age). This package provides all of the same benefits as our Core Estate Plan, but in addition, it allows parents to designate who should be appointed guardian(s) of minor children if both parents die before the children reach adulthood. If desired and appropriate, this plan also allows parents to set up a testamentary trust to hold assets for the benefit of the minor children. Like the Core Estate Plan, this plan also allows you to name individuals to handle your financial affairs in the event of your incapacity, as well as direct the distribution of your estate through probate. It also allows you to provide directions for your own health care and name an individual to make your health care decisions for you if need be. The Fundamental Family Plan also includes a HIPAA Authorization for your health care attorney-in-fact.

Living Trust Plan

\$1,150 per individual

\$1,650 per couple

Includes, for each person:

- Separate Revocable Living Trust (for an individual, or one for each spouse), or Joint Revocable Living Trust (for both spouses together)
- Pour-Over Will, for each person (guardianship provisions included, if applicable)
- Durable Power of Attorney (General and Financial Powers)
- Health Care Power of Attorney
- HIPAA Authorization

The Living Trust Plan includes all benefits of the above plans. In addition, it allows for the creation of a Revocable Living Trust. Assets transferred into this trust can be managed by a trustee in the event of the trustmaker's incapacity and also avoid probate upon the trustmaker's death. The Pour-Over Will ensures that assets not transferred into the trust prior to the trustmaker's death are "poured over" into the trust after death through the probate process. Like the Core Estate Plan, this plan also allows you to name individuals to handle your financial affairs in the event of your incapacity, as well as direct the distribution of your estate through probate. It also allows you to provide

directions for your own health care and name an individual to make your health care decisions for you if need be. This plan also includes a HIPAA Authorization for your health care attorney-in-fact.

Note: We will make sure that you have thorough instruction on how to properly fund your trust after its creation and answer any questions that you may have. Any additional assistance beyond verbal instruction will be subject to an hourly rate of \$175.

Advance Directives Package

\$350 per individual

\$550 per couple

Includes, for each person:

- Durable Power of Attorney (General and Financial Powers)
- Health Care Power of Attorney
- HIPAA Authorization

The Advance Directives Package is best suited for someone who already has a valid will, but has not planned for incapacity. This package allows you to name individuals to handle your financial affairs in the event of your incapacity. In addition, it allows you to provide directions for your own health care and name an individual to make your health care decisions for you if need be. This package also includes a HIPAA Authorization for your health care attorney-in-fact.

Individual Document Services

At Bielinska Law LLC, we strongly advocate a comprehensive estate planning package because we like knowing that our clients are covered from all sides. However, there are some cases where a client already has several estate planning documents in place and needs to complete the plan. Additionally, a client may wish to substantially update or alter the documents already in place. For this reason, we do offer individual document services. The following list is not all-inclusive; if you need assistance with something that you don't see here, feel free to give us a call for pricing.

- *Wills, starting at \$250*
- *Durable Powers of Attorney, \$50 per document*
- *Codicils (amendments to existing wills), starting at \$150*
- *Trusts, starting at \$900*

Probate/Estate Administration

The cost of probating an estate can vary widely depending upon the situation. Matters that go beyond a typical estate administration might include handling will contests or defending the estate against creditors, among many other things.

It normally doesn't make sense to set the cost for estate administration based upon the size of the estate itself. Namely, this is because the same amount of work has to be done, up to a certain point, no matter how large the estate is. In many cases, we will be able to quote a flat fee to you up front before beginning an estate administration, and this will include everything except court fees/filing costs. We may need to bill on an hourly basis in other cases, normally at a rate of \$175 *per hour*. Regardless, we will give you an estimated range of cost to the best of our ability on the amount of work to be done before we begin. This way, you will still be able to have a firm grasp on what the cost will be.

Guardianship

- *Non-Emergency Matters (includes one hearing): Starting at \$425*
- *Emergency Matters (includes up to two hearings): Starting at \$625*
- *Guardianship Modifications: Starting at \$475*