



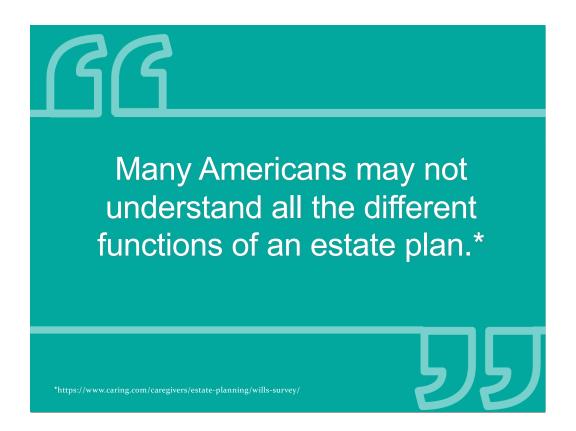
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Most people should have an estate plan for what happens to their assets after they die.



54% of adults over 50 expect to leave an inheritance that will substantively impact someone, but more than one in three (37%) do not yet have a will.



https://www.aarp.org/pri/topics/work-finances-retirement/financial-security-retirement/wealth-transfer-inheritance-wills/

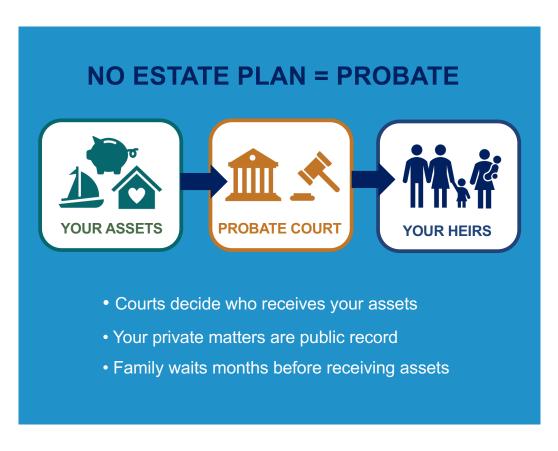




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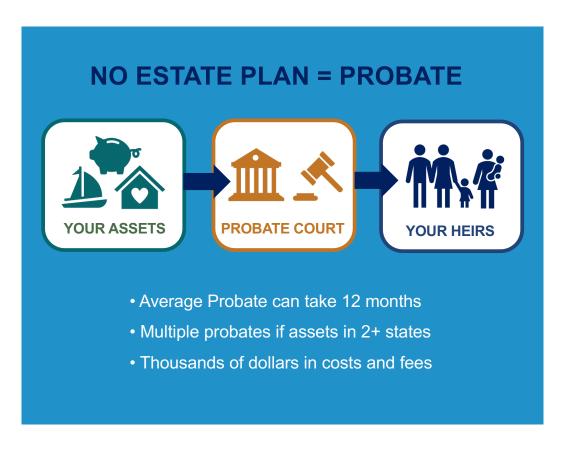
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### **COSTS OF PROBATE**

- Filing fees
- Legal notice fees
- Bond fees
- Personal representative fees
- Attorney's fees
- Appraisal fees

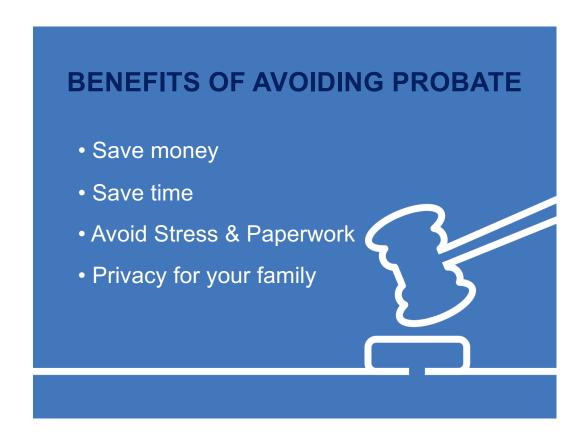


#### **AVERAGE COST OF PROBATE**

- Range: 1% to 8% of estate
- \$300,000 estate: \$3,000 to \$24,000
- Under some state laws, the attorney and personal representative are entitled to "reasonable compensation"
- Typical average probate is \$2,000-\$5,000
- PLUS, Time: Six months to over a year
- PLUS, Loss of privacy

https://attorney-fag.com/how-much-attorney-fees-probate#google\_vignette





A will does not provide these benefits Money goes to your family without taking out a big chunk to courts or attorneys



#### WHAT IS A REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST?

- Legal document that creates a new entity
- Fund your assets into the trust
- Own and control the trust while alive
- Move assets in and out of the trust
- Specify what happens after you die
- Revocable and changeable while alive



What happens to assets: who manages assets, who distributes them, who receives them

Own and control: you are the trustee and beneficiary

Continue to do what you've always done, and you can move assets into and out of the trust

#### YOU DECIDE - NOT A COURT

- Who receives your hard-earned assets
- When they receive them (at what age)
- How they receive them (over time; lump sum)
- Who makes decisions if you are incapacitated
- Who manages assets for minors
- Who raises your children



Decisions if you are incapacitated: involving financial matters, involving healthcare matters, whether you want to be placed on life support systems if you are terminally ill

You control decisions that affect you, you health, your assets and your family...not a court or attorneys

# A COMPREHENSIVE ESTATE PLAN INCLUDES:

- Revocable Living Trust
- Last Will & Testament (Pour-Over Will)
- Durable Powers of Attorney
- Advanced Medical Directives



#### **LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT**

- Last Will and Testament is often called a Pour-Over Will.
- It is used in conjunction with a Revocable Living Trust to convey anything you have forgotten to fund into the trust prior to your death (hence "pour-over").
- Any un-funded assets will go through probate first, (unless they are minimal in value).

#### **POWERS OF ATTORNEY**

- Two Main Durable Powers of Attorney:
  - For Finances
  - For Healthcare
- "Durable" means that the appointment of the power will "endure" even after your incapacitation.
- This power is effective either upon the date of execution of the document or upon your incapacitation depending on the selection you make in the document.



#### **POWERS OF ATTORNEY**

- The Durable Power of Attorney for Finances will give your appointed agent the power to make basic financial decisions regarding assets NOT FUNDED into your Trust.
- For assets already funded into the Trust, the Trustee already has this authority.
- Your agent may use this power to buy and sell non-trust assets, write checks from your (non-trust) accounts etc... He or she could even fund assets into your Trust prior to your death to avoid probate.



### **POWERS OF ATTORNEY**

- The Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care allows your appointed agent to make important health care decisions for you in the event of your incapacitation.
- Choose carefully because your agent can terminate life support systems even if the principal is not "terminally" ill.



#### **LIVING WILL AND DIRECTIVES**

- Living Will and Advance Directives allow you to determine how you want medical care administered if you have a terminal illness or are in a comatose state.
- If such a condition should happen to you, these instruments will serve to give notice to medical professionals your wishes.



# WHAT ABOUT A LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT?

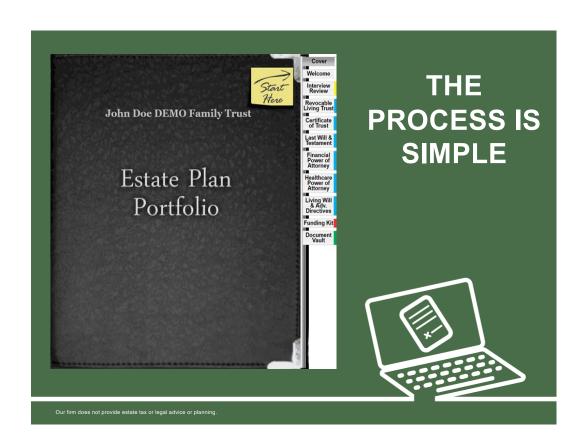
Good question. Much better than having nothing. But it is a "wish document" and passes through the Government's Probate Court.

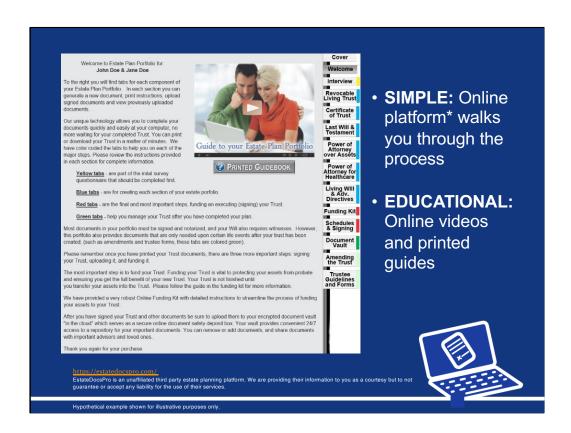


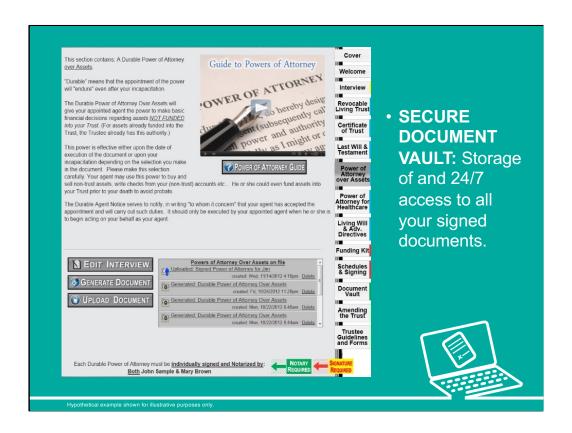
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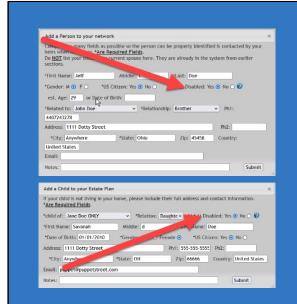












Click Disabled & the beneficiary will be included in the Special Needs Sub-Trust

The successor trustee will make sure the child is cared for, providing health, maintenance, education, and support. They live off the trust you set up.

Beneficiaries will never receive a lump sum, they'll receive 'income only' from the trust.

So, Government benefits will NOT be jeopardized.



SPECIAL NEEDS PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN ALL TRUSTS.

Hypothetical example shown for illustrative purposes only

