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15 WAYS TO AVOID NY PROBATE DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

FACEBOOK LIVE PRESENTATION

Robert Friedman's April and May probate and Medicaid nursing home seminars have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis. Instead, for your convenience, Facebook live seminars are being scheduled.

On Friday, April 17, 2020 at 7 PM, attorney Robert Friedman of Friedman & Ranzenhofer, PC is presenting *15 WAYS TO AVOID NY PROBATE DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS*. To RSVP, click here.

Mr. Friedman, drawing on over 41 years of estate planning experience, will answer your probate questions and explain:

- Estate and asset protection planning techniques,
- The risks and benefits of avoiding probate,
- The best forms of real estate ownership,
- The most common estate planning mistakes,
- Recent changes in tax laws,
- The duties of trustees and executors,
- Advantages of living trusts,
- When to update your will, and
- How to prevent will contests.

The widespread death and illness in New York caused by COVID-19 has many of us very concerned about estate planning because:

- All New York Surrogate Courts are closed, except for essential matters. If you avoid probate, your family will not have to wait for the courts to reopen and catch-up on their backlog. Your family will have immediate access to your non-probate assets.
- Many people are rushing to have their wills and other estate planning documents updated.
- Health Care Proxies, Living Wills and Powers of Attorney are needed in case of disability caused by COVID-19.
- You can support your favorite charities during this difficult time with much-needed donations
- Non-probate assets can be used to help family members who have lost their jobs or are suffering other economic hardship from the pandemic.

Do You have Estate Planning Questions Because of the COVID-19 Crisis?

The COVID-19 crisis has caused widespread fear about health and mortality. To alleviate your fears and concerns, Friedman & Ranzenhofer, PC provides:

- Covid-19 Estate Planning resource web page
- Blogs, such as <u>Does a Living Will Prevent My Doctors From</u> Using a Ventilator to Treat COVID-19?
- 15 Ways to Avoid NY Probate During the COVID-19 Crisis
- Live <u>Facebook COVID-19 Crisis Estate Planning</u> was presented on Wednesday, March 24, 2020.

To protect your safety and well-being, we are taking these precautions:

- Will, Power of Attorney and Health Care Proxy preparation and signings without you leaving your home or car. <u>Click here for</u> <u>step-by-step instructions</u>.
- Telephone consultations.

Please contact us anytime with your needs and concerns. During this difficult time, we will always be available to discuss your estate planning needs and prepare any new documents that you require. We will help you make sure that your estate planning documents carry out your healthcare and financial wishes.

We are available to help you seven days a week by telephone (716)542-5444 or email rfriedman@legalsurvival.com. Do not hesitate to contact us about any of your other legal needs.

Above all, stay safe and healthy.

