



# Why DIY Estate Planning Doesn't Work

Beware the temptation of DIY estate planning—online providers that promise the required forms at a low price don't provide an adequate substitute for a thorough estate plan with access to an experienced team for questions along the way.  
But, why not?

## 1 They Cover the Bare Minimum



DIY estate planning documents (last and living wills and power of attorney) cover the bare minimum and leave gaps that will create headaches down the road or for your children and beneficiaries.

## 2 A Will is Not Enough



A will does not prevent probate court, the long, public, and costly process of the court validating a will and its instructions for distributing assets. The probate process opens plenty of opportunities for your will to be contested or disputed.

## 3 Life Changes



When factors change, such as adding a vacation home, you'll need to update the appropriate aspects of your plan so that it reflects the current state of your assets and is valid in the eyes of the government.

## 4 Laws Change



Laws change frequently that will affect your estate plan. If you did your estate plan online through a DIY service, that means starting from scratch in order to revise it.

## 5 Protect Your Retirement



Getting personalized advice on navigating the legal obstacles of protecting your estate while providing yourself with a comfortable retirement is something DIY estate planning just cannot provide.

## 6 The Cost of Changes Add Up



While the appeal of DIY estate planning often lies in the low cost, having to pay a fee for drafting a document each time you make updates to reflect your current situation will add up. Not to mention, your time is valuable, and you will have to spend time and energy staying up to date on changes necessary.

## 7 How Family Estate Planning Law Group Can Help



Through our Ongoing Client Care Program, we work with families through any and all changes. We charge a flat rate so you can meet with our team whenever you need to without the worry that updates you need to make will rack up billable hours.

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