

The Benefits of the Three-Legged Stool Approach to Estate Planning

Effective estate planning is not a solo endeavor; it is part of a collaborative effort that benefits from a holistic approach. At Jennifer Porter Law, PLLC, we champion the three-legged stool approach to estate planning, ensuring you receive a well-rounded strategy to secure your future. This method involves a partnership between your estate planning attorney, financial advisor, and tax advisor, each playing a pivotal role in developing a comprehensive estate plan that addresses all aspects of your financial, legal, and tax needs.

Maximizing Your Estate Plan Through Teamwork

The essence of the three-legged stool approach lies in its collaborative nature. Your estate planning attorney organizes your affairs as you consult a financial advisor for investment advice and a tax advisor for tax strategies. These actions should not be isolated. For instance, selling an investment might achieve an economic objective but could complicate your tax situation. This is where the integrated, three-pronged strategy shines, ensuring that decisions in one area complement and enhance your overall plan rather than undermine it.

Why Every Advisor Counts

Isn't it enough to have just one of these professionals handle everything? The simple answer is no. Each professional brings a depth of experience in their field that, when combined, offers a comprehensive view and management of your estate plan that one alone cannot provide. An estate planning attorney can craft tax-efficient trusts, but understanding the nuances of investment strategies and their tax implications requires

the insight of both financial and tax advisors. It's this synergy that the three-legged stool approach capitalizes on, ensuring you receive the best possible advice across all fronts.

The Critical Role of Communication

In our practice, we emphasize the importance of open communication among your advisors. By sharing information and strategies, we can identify opportunities and navigate potential pitfalls more effectively. This collaborative effort ensures that every move, from asset reallocation to strategic gifting, is made with a clear understanding of its impact on your financial, legal, and tax situation. Encouraging this level of cooperation among your advisors is crucial for aligning strategies with your goals and maximizing every opportunity.

A Real-World Example of Success

Consider the ever-changing landscape of federal and state tax laws, with exemption limits constantly under review. A coordinated effort between your financial advisor, tax advisor, and estate planning attorney can prepare you for these changes, such as anticipated adjustments to estate and gift tax exemption limits by Congress. By developing a unified strategy now, you can safeguard your family's financial future against potential tax liabilities and ensure your estate is managed according to your wishes.

Embrace the Three-Legged Stool Approach with Jennifer Porter Law, PLLC

At Jennifer Porter Law, PLLC, we're part of your team, not just your estate planning attorneys. We regularly collaborate with financial planners and tax advisors, advocating for the three-legged stool approach as the optimal strategy for estate planning. This approach doesn't require daily coordination among your advisors but a willingness to communicate and understand the interconnectedness of their work.