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**PERSONAL
INFORMATION
FORM**

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SIMPLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The information you provide in this section provides us with important objective information about you, your age, marital status, where you live, and how best to communicate with you. This section will ensure your names are spelled correctly in your documents.

Client 1 Information

Full Legal Name _____
(Name most often used to title property and accounts)

Also Known As _____ Prefer to be called _____
(Other names used to title property and accounts)

Birth date _____ Age: _____ SS# _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ County of Residence _____

Business Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Employer _____ Position _____

E-mail Address _____ Yes it is okay to communicate with me via my E-mail address.

Never Married Married Widowed Divorced: if yes date _____ US Citizen? Yes No

Are either of your parents still living? Yes No Are either of your grandparents still living? Yes No

Client 2 Information

Full Legal Name _____
(Name most often used to title property and accounts)

Also Known As _____ Prefer to be called _____
(Other names used to title property and accounts)

Birth date _____ Age: _____ SS# _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ County of Residence _____

Business Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Employer _____ Position _____

E-mail Address _____ Yes it is okay to communicate with me via my E-mail address.

Never Married Married Widowed Divorced: if yes date _____ US Citizen? Yes No

Are either of your parents still living? Yes No Are either of your grandparents still living? Yes No

Date of Marriage _____ Existing Pre- or Postnuptial Agreement? Yes No Date: _____

POTENTIAL "INDIVIDUAL" BENEFICIARIES

Identify all potential individual beneficiaries of your estate (e.g., children and grandchildren). Also identify other individuals who you may wish to be a beneficiary of your estate. Please use full legal names. Note: Listing a person in this section is not a firm indication of your decision to provide for a particular individual. Rather, it is simply a means of identifying individuals for discussion purposes. (Insert additional sheets, if necessary)

Beneficiary 1 Relationship to Client : _____ Special Needs: Medical Educational Financial

Full Legal Name _____ DOB _____ Soc. Sec. # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Married Divorced Widowed Single Spouse's Name: _____ Date Married _____

Children (name and age): _____

Beneficiary 2 Relationship to Client : _____ Special Needs: Medical Educational Financial

Full Legal Name _____ DOB _____ Soc. Sec. # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Married Divorced Widowed Single Spouse's Name: _____ Date Married _____

Children (name and age): _____

Beneficiary 3 Relationship to Client : _____ Special Needs: Medical Educational Financial

Full Legal Name _____ DOB _____ Soc. Sec. # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Married Divorced Widowed Single Spouse's Name: _____ Date Married _____

Children (name and age): _____

Beneficiary 4 Relationship to Client : _____ Special Needs: Medical Educational Financial

Full Legal Name _____ DOB _____ Soc. Sec. # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Married Divorced Widowed Single Spouse's Name: _____ Date Married _____

Children (name and age): _____

Beneficiary 5 Relationship to Client : _____ Special Needs: Medical Educational Financial

Full Legal Name _____ DOB _____ Soc. Sec. # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Married Divorced Widowed Single Spouse's Name: _____ Date Married _____

Children (name and age): _____

Are you concerned with your beneficiaries'/children's ability to get along with one another? Yes No

STEP**3****POTENTIAL “CHARITABLE” BENEFICIARIES**

Many, but not all, of our clients desire to direct a portion of their estate toward charities or other non profit organizations. Whether it is your church, university, YMCA, or favorite philanthropy, you may have the same desires. Take a moment and contemplate whether you would ever include such a bequest within your legacy plan. Note: Listing a particular organization in this section is not a firm indication of your decision to make a bequest. Rather, it is simply a means of identifying charities or non profit organizations for discussion purposes.

Name of Charity or Non-Profit Organization

Address

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

STEP**4****ABOUT YOUR GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

Before we meet, it is important to us to better understand what prompted you to schedule this appointment. Don't focus on the tools to be used but rather on the outcomes to be achieved.

About Your Goals & Objectives

Goals	Consequences if Goal Isn't Accomplished
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

CONCERNS & ANXIETIES

Our objective is to assist clients in identifying their concerns and anxieties. All too often in the planning process, a client will discover that there are other, more pressing concerns than the one that caused them to begin the planning process. Please review the following risks that we frequently hear from clients, identify those risks which concern you, and provide us with some sense about how concerned you are with that particular risk. This information will assist us in focusing our conversations toward the issues that are the most pressing to you.

Please indicate differing levels for client #1 and #2 if applicable

Level of Concern (if any) 1=Low 4=High		1	2	3	4
Family Concerns	Risk that assets left to your spouse might be lost or may not pass to your intended heirs as a result of your spouse re-marrying				
	Risk of a child or other beneficiary losing his or her inheritance due to mismanagement of the money, creditors, lawsuits, or a divorcing spouse				
	Risk that an inheritance passing to a minor child or grandchild might be squandered or stolen by the person in charge of managing the money				
	Risk that an inheritance received by a child or other beneficiary who has a disability would render them ineligible for governmental benefits				
	Risk of unnecessary litigation from heirs who receive less than they think they are entitled to				
	Risk that parents, who may need financial assistance, are not provided for				
Disability Concerns	Risk of loss of control over your assets in the event of your disability				
	Risk of unwanted efforts made to save your life if you feel it is best to cease such efforts and pass away peacefully and pain free				
	Risk of an unnecessary conservatorship over an incapacitated adult child in order to make health care decisions for that child				
Tax Concerns	Risk of the IRS "inheriting" some of your estate when you pass away				
	Risk of capital gains taxes paid on the sale of the property				
	Risk of unnecessary income taxes being paid on investment assets				
Creditor Concerns	Risk of lawsuits against you				
	Risk of loss of your assets to a nursing home				
	Risk that a co-owners creditor may seize the property you co-own, in order to satisfy a debt of the co-owner				
Post Death Concerns	Risk of unnecessary costs and delays associated with the estate passing through probate				
	Risk of having to sell assets in a "fire sale" in order to create the liquidity needed to pay taxes and expenses				
	Risk that the person(s) charged with managing your affairs after you have passed will innocently make mistakes because he or she is unaware of what is required and is unaware of the personal liability for those mistakes				
	Risk of private affairs being made public				

STEP**6****APPOINTMENTS—PEOPLE TO ASSIST YOU**

One of the most important aspects of any estate plan is the “appointment” of various persons to assist you and your family in times of need—particularly when death or disability strikes. These appointed “helpers” are called by different names depending on the type of estate plan you elect to implement. In this Section, we try to avoid labels. Instead, we focus on the roles these helpers play in protecting your family and your estate.

Successors to You ***

Who do you nominate to serve as guardian for your minor children (if any)?

		Client 1 Responses	Client 2 Responses
Guardians	Initial Choice		
	Back Up # 1		
	Back Up # 2		

If you were incapacitated for any period of time, who would you choose to handle your financial affairs?

		Client 1 Responses	Client 2 Responses
Financial Agents/ “Helpers”	Initial Choice		
	Back Up # 1		
	Back Up # 2		

If you were incapacitated for any period of time, who would you choose to make health care decisions for you?

		Client 1 Responses	Client 2 Responses
Health Care Agents/ “Helpers”	Initial Choice		
	Back Up # 2		
	Back Up # 3		

If you were deceased, who would you choose to administrate and distribute your estate?

		Client 1 Responses	Client 2 Responses
Estate Fiduciary/ “Helpers”	Initial Choice		
	Back Up # 2		
Personal Representative	Back Up # 3		

*** Ultimately we will need the addresses and telephone numbers of the persons identified above. Please consider providing this information on a separate sheet as you complete this form

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ASSET ASSESSMENT

Determining the ownership, value and character of your assets is important to your estate and legacy plan. The title “ownership” is important for tax and transfer matters. The “value” will be significant in determining potential tax liability. The “character” is relevant in assessing the manner by which the asset can transfer. (If necessary, approximate current total values).

Assets	Client 1		Client 2		Joint Ownership	
	# of Assets	Total Value	# of Assets	Total Value	# of Assets	Total Value
Cash Accounts (i.e. checking, savings, CD, Money Market)						
Investment Accounts (i.e. brokerage accounts)						
Bonds (not held in an investment account)						
Stocks (not held in an investment account)						
Company Stock Options						
Personal Effects (i.e. jewelry, household items, art, vehicles, boats, planes, RV's, other “toys”, etc.)						
Retirement Plans (401k, IRAs, etc.)						
Pension Plans						
Life Insurance Policies (death value)						
Annuities						
Partnership & LLC Interests						
Corp. Business Interests						
Sole Proprietorship Interests						
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Interests						
Monies Owed to You (promissory notes)						
Personal Residence						
Other Texas Real Property						
Other Out-of-State Real Property						
Other Assets						
Anticipated Inheritance, Gift, or Judgment						
TOTAL ASSET VALUE						

Liabilities						
Loans Payable						
Accounts Payable						
Real Estate Mortgages						
TOTAL LIABILITIES (\$\$\$)						

NET ESTATE (\$\$\$) (Total Assets minus Total Liabilities)						
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COMBINED NET ESTATE (\$\$\$)
(Client Net + Client 2 Net + Joint Net) = _____

STEP**PEOPLE WHO ADVISE YOU****8**

Your various advisors play a key role in the establishment of your estate plan. By way of example, your financial advisor and life insurance agent may need to be contacted to confirm and/or change beneficiary designations and titling of accounts. Your accountant may need to be consulted relative to income tax matters.

	Name	Telephone
Financial Advisor		
Tax Advisor		
Life Insurance Agent		
Auto/Home Insurance Agent		
Stock Broker		
Banker		
Other Advisor		
Other Advisor		

Affirmation: We understand that the Meredith Law Firm, PC (the “Firm”) will need to rely on the information we supply to develop an estate plan. We also understand that inaccurate or incomplete information could negatively impact our estate plan. Consequently, if we retain the Firm, we will provide the Firm accurate and complete information prior to signing our estate plan documents.

Client 1: _____

DATE: _____

Client 2: _____

DATE: _____

Additional Documentation

General Document Request. In some instances, it is necessary for us to review other documents before we can make planning recommendations. *If possible*, please bring with you to the initial interview the following documentation:

1. Copies of existing planning documents, including wills, trusts, powers of attorney, health care directives, etc.
2. Copies of all deeds to real estate owned by you.
3. Copies of the most recent statements evidencing your ownership of bank accounts, investment accounts, retirement accounts, and annuities.
4. Copies of any stock or bond certificates
5. Pre or Postnuptial Agreement (if applicable).
6. Long-term care policies (if any).
7. Divorce Decree or Property Settlement Agreement for divorce under which continued obligations exist (if any).
8. Last 3 years of personal income tax returns.
9. Last 3 years of any corporate, partnership, gift tax, estate tax, or trust tax returns (if any).

Congratulations on completing this questionnaire.

YOU ARE NOW ONE STEP CLOSER TO MAKING YOUR LEGACY MATTER.