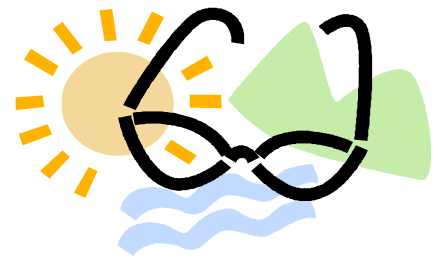


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## Celebrity Estate Planning

- If you've ever read *People*, *US*, or *Entertainment Weekly* or watched any of the similar television shows, you might be interested to know how some famous celebrities left their assets upon their deaths. If they left a Will and not a Trust, you can find out: It's public record.
- Gerry Garcia left all of his guitars to Douglas Erwin.
- John Lennon wanted Sam Green to be Guardian of his children if Yoko Ono was not living at his death.
- Elvis Presley's will provided that his assets were to go outright to Lisa Marie on her twenty-fifth birthday.
- Joe DiMaggio left \$100,000 to his nephew of the same name.
- Richard Nixon left his personal and official papers to the Nixon Library.
- Benjamin Franklin left most things to his daughter, including a picture of the King of France set with 408 diamonds.
- Walt Disney left a very extensive Will he signed less than a year before his death in 1967. It provided for his wife and children and left money to the Disney Foundation and the California Institute for the Arts.

As you can see, every Will, even those of the Presidents, rock stars, and movie titans is a matter of public record. If you choose, you can avoid the prying eyes of the public, even if they are only your neighbors or distant relatives. A properly funded Revocable Living Trust is not a matter of public record. Such a trust holds legal title to your assets during your lifetime. The public process of probate only concerns assets titled in your individual name at your death. As your assets in the Trust are not titled in your individual name, they avoid the probate process and the public scrutiny it entails.

You can do what many famous people did not think of: Avoid the publicity, expense, and time delays of the probate process through the use of a Trust. A qualified estate planning attorney can help you set up an estate plan that will keep your affairs from being everybody's business. Contact attorneys Bill Greenhalgh and Michelle Hernandez to get started on your estate plan today!

**Please join us for our  
CLIENT APPRECIATION SEMINAR!**

**"Understanding Your Estate  
Planning Options"**

**Tues. August 15th, 6pm-8:30pm**

**Our office, 123 2nd Street, Baraboo**

**We hope to see  
you there!**

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Make a wish!  
It's Eileen's Birthday!

August 28

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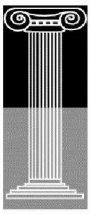
Here's what your client had to say about you!

*"I received expert legal advice during my recent (and successful) court case. This firm's follow-through afterwards to cover other details was definitely worthwhile. In light of my situation, it was a very good experience. Thanks so much!" ~Mr. Mark Mead*



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## IS WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT INJURY CLAIMS ACCURATE? (PART TWO)

**Misconception No. 8** – I cannot afford to talk to an attorney to see if I have a case.

**WRONG** – First, most experienced personal injury attorneys will discuss your case for no charge. If you choose to retain the services of an experienced personal injury attorney, they will offer to represent you on either an hourly basis or a contingency fee. On an hourly basis, you pay for the attorney's services by the hour regardless of the outcome. On a contingency fee case, you pay for the lawyer's time from a percentage of the recovery. If no recovery, there is no charge for services. Of course, under either arrangement, there is generally a charge for costs and disbursements which will be explained to you at the time of your initial conference. To talk to an experienced attorney should cost you nothing.

**Misconception No. 9** – My insurance agent will give me good advice on what I should do if I am in a car accident.

**WRONG** – First, an insurance agent is not an experienced personal injury attorney. Second an insurance agent's income depends upon how much money an insurance company, that they write insurance for, pays out in claims. Also, many insurance agents write insurance for multiple companies. Insurance agents' loyalty rests with the companies that write their paychecks. Their advice will generally steer you away from seeking the services of an experienced personal injury attorney. Also, only an experienced personal injury attorney can answer your questions and protect your legal rights.

**Misconception No. 10** – My insurance rates will go up if I hire an attorney.

**WRONG** – Your insurance rates are based upon many factors of which none have to do with whether or not you are injured in a car accident and hire a personal injury attorney. Many companies simply rate your insurance based upon the number of accidents you have within a certain time period. Whether or not you retain the services of an attorney should have no affect on your insurance premiums.

**Misconception No. 11** – My friends and co-workers have lots of free advice so I do not need an attorney.

**WRONG** – When you are injured in an accident you will have friends, family members and others who have a variety of advice. Remember, these people are not experienced personal injury attorneys and although they may have been injured in an accident and may have used an attorney they are not a trained professional. Also, everybody's accident and case is different. No two personal injury cases are identical. Do not rely on the advice of non-professionals when it comes to your legal rights when you are injured in an accident.

**Misconception No. 12** – My injuries are so minor that no attorney will take my case.

**WRONG** – First, although not all automobile accidents injure occupants there are many times when the extent of your injuries are unknown until weeks or months after your accident. Without talking to an experienced personal injury attorney immediately after your accident, you may tell the insurance company certain things which may prevent you from collecting compensation for your injuries at a later date. Also, just because you did not break any bones or have any disfigurement does not mean that your case has no value. Before you decide on whether or not to proceed with the case, make sure to speak with an experienced personal injury attorney.

**Misconception No. 13** – The insurance adjuster will treat me fairly, a personal injury attorney is only looking to personally profit from my case.

**WRONG** – The insurance adjuster is hired to do a job for an insurance company and often times will minimize the extent of your injuries and the impact they have had on your life. On the other hand, an experienced personal injury attorney is willing to devote hours and hours of work on your case oftentimes with no guarantee of payment. An experienced personal injury attorney is committed to getting you the best results that you are entitled to financially compensate you for what you have gone through as well as what you may experience in the future.

**Misconception No. 14** – Personal injury attorneys are the cause of high insurance rates and clogging our court system.

**WRONG** – Your insurance rates are high because insurance companies make profits. Although insurance companies continue to make profits your insurance rates very seldom, if ever, go down. On the other hand, our court system is clogged with corporate litigation, criminal litigation and other litigation that has nothing to do with your personal injury claim. Most personal injury claims settle without the need of even filing a lawsuit while others settle after the case has started but well before trial. The statistics prove that insurance rates are not linked to the number of personal injury claims and that personal injury lawsuits are not the reason for delays in our legal system.

*If after reading this article you need to meet with an attorney who is experienced with personal injury claims, make sure to call our offices at 1 (866) 455-2993 to schedule an appointment today!*