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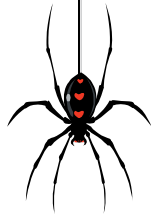
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As the cold of winter approaches us, people will do more than just bundle up, many of us will prepare by getting a flu shot. These vaccines are very helpful in lowering the chances of the dreaded flu; however, sometimes people have adverse reactions to the vaccine. These reactions can be minor, such as local reactions or systemic reactions which result in soreness at point of injection or fevers. While the chance of having serious or life threatening reactions are rare, it is important to consider the risks of getting a flu shot. The minor reactions can include soreness, pain, swelling, fevers, and muscle aches and will only last for one to two days. The more severe reactions are usually caused by allergies, which include hives and hypersensitivity, similar to anaphylactic shock. Although rare, serious injuries occur.

Last year's scare of H1N1 (swine flu) greatly increased the number of flu shots given. This modified version of the flu shot has been reported by the CDC as 'well tolerated'. However, there have been adverse reactions noted of the vaccine, such as: mild fever, muscle aches, nausea, headache, and rare, severe allergic reactions have occurred. It is important to disclose all allergies before getting an H1N1 vaccine, because the vaccine is produced with the use of eggs.

One rare, yet devastating illness, Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) is an auto-immune deficiency that attacks the peripheral nervous system. It has been found that one out of every one million recipients of the flu shot are at risk of contracting Guillain-Barre syndrome. This illness can cause fever, nerve damage, and weakness to the muscles. Recovery can range from weeks to months, and some will never completely recover from GBS. The exact cause of GBS is unknown, but scientists have connected an outbreak of the illness to the 1976 swine flu pandemic, and it has continued to be a rare side effect of flu shots to current date. If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome or suffered other serious adverse reactions, it could have been caused by a flu shot and you may be able to receive compensation through the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.

We at Krueger & Hernandez SC want to make sure that you and your loved ones can enjoy the winter season. If you should appear to have any of these symptoms after getting a flu shot, take the following steps: 1) Call a doctor, or go to a doctor as soon as possible; 2) Tell the doctor your symptoms, when you noticed the symptoms, and the date you got the flu shot; and 3) Consult a vaccine attorney, and have the doctor, or health department file a Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System form (VAERS). Both adults and children who receive a trivalent influenza vaccine (the flu shot) after July 1, 2005 are eligible to apply for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP).

Attorney Mark L. Krueger is one of just a few attorneys in the United States that represent vaccine recipients from across the country, whether young or old, and their families, when they experience adverse reactions and injury from vaccines. If you suspect that you have had an adverse reaction from a flu shot, you have rights. Krueger & Hernandez has an experienced and determined Vaccine Compensation team and is here for you, please call us toll free at (800)455-2993.



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Estate Planning: It's About More Than Taxes



In 2010, contrary to a lot of people's expectations, Congress allowed the one-year repeal of the estate tax to occur as provided in legislation that had been passed a decade earlier. Even if there had been no estate tax repeal, only a tiny number of people would have owed federal estate taxes. According to *The Estate Tax: Myths and Realities*, a study by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, updated in 2009, the estates of only 0.24% of people who died in 2009 were expected to owe any estate tax at all. That's fewer than 1 in every 400 people!

Despite all the fuss, the estate tax repeal didn't eliminate the need for estate planning. Why? Estate planning is about so much more than just taxes. Estate planning is about making arrangements for your family's future, not just after your death but while you're still living. A well-thought-out estate plan can help:

- Avoid probate
- Reduce the impact of disability
- Minimize income and other taxes
- Pass on your values to future generations

An estate plan can also shield your assets from your children's creditors and ex-spouses, helping ensure your children's futures. Without an estate plan, the legal system steps in and makes the decisions about what should happen to your assets and your loved ones. For example, if you die without an estate plan, state law, and not your preferences or your family's wishes, dictates how your estate will be distributed. This emotional drain on your family can be avoided with an estate plan. If you take the time to put a few basic documents in place, you'll help ease the burden on your family in the event of your disability or death.

For example, with a Revocable Living Trust, you can pass your assets on to your loved ones without the need for probate. This means that your estate can be settled privately, without the need for court supervision and involvement. You can also use your Trust to establish a disability plan and eliminate the need for guardianship proceedings in case you become unable to handle your own affairs.

After you pass away, your Trust can still be there to reinforce the values you instilled in your family during your lifetime. For example, distributions to your children and grandchildren can be contingent on a college graduation, or funds from a Trust can be used to match income if a child or grandchild pursues certain defined altruistic professions.

A Health Care Power of Attorney lets you name someone to make medical decisions on your behalf if you're injured or ill to the point that you can't do so for yourself. With a Financial Power of Attorney, you can appoint someone to make financial decisions on your behalf in case of your incapacity. There are many other estate planning documents that may be appropriate for you. A meeting with a qualified estate planning attorney can help you put together a plan that's tailored to achieve the future you want for your family.


This article by the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys (AAEPA) was brought to you by Krueger & Hernandez SC. Attorneys Michelle T.L. Hernandez and Dera L. Johnsen-Tracy are active members of the AAEPA and have extensive legal experience in the area of estate planning. To schedule your free consultation today, simply call (800) 431-9776.


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