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# Asset Protection Newsletter

The entrepreneur always searches for change, responds to it, and exploits it as an opportunity.

- Peter F. Drucker



Welcome to Our September 2013 Asset Protection
Newsletter!

How significant a role does exemption planning play in asset protection?

That answer mostly depends on the debtor's state laws. Several states – most notably Florida and Texas – are exceptionally debtor oriented. They exempt, or creditor proof, a wide range of assets. That's why a large number of debtors relocate to Florida. It is not so much to enjoy their favorable weather, as it is to take advantage of their generous exemption laws. For instance, Florida protects the entire value of your home, IRAs, life insurance and annuities, and wages. Many of our Florida clients need little or nothing more in terms of additional protection. The state exemption laws cover all – or most – of their assets. Texas is an equally debtor friendly state. On the other hand, a number of states are creditor friendly with narrow exemption laws. New Jersey is an example where relatively few assets are self-protected.

You suggest co-ownership as another way to gain protection.



Since The Presser Law Firm, P.A. is visiting the banks and trustees of Switzerland this month, September's webinars will be postponed until October 2013.

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#### **Important Changes in Florida Law**

Latest update: In June of 2010, the Florida Supreme Court held in Olmstead v. Federal Trade Commission (No. SC08-1009) that a charging order is not the exclusive remedy available to a creditor holding a judgment against the sole member of a Florida single-member limited liability company.

Be one step ahead, keep following our newsletter for up to date changes in the law!

**Trending Asset Protection Public** 

### What is co-ownership planning and how does co-ownerships work?

One form of protective co-ownership is tenancy-by-the-entirety (TBE). Twenty-five states, at least to some extent, protect assets owned by spouses as T/E against the creditors of only one spouse. Some T/E states limit their protection only to the family residence and other states extend their protection to other real estate, and still other states extend their protection to any assets, including stocks, bonds, personal property, and so forth that are titled as tenants-by-the-entirety.

Co-ownership planning is the concurrent ownership of property by two or more people. The most common co-ownerships involve assets owned between a husband and wife. When we refer to coownerships, we do not usually mean the co-ownership of business entities by multiple individuals (unless an undivided interest is held jointly or as tenants-by-the-entirety), nor do we refer to multiple beneficial interests in a trust.

There are four types of co-ownerships namely; 1) tenancy-in-common (TIC); 2) joint tenants with right of survivorship (JTWROS); JTWROS is often referred to simply as 'joint tenants' ownership; 3) tenants-by-the-entirety (TBE); and 4) community property.

It's important to understand the distinguishing features of each. Many folks don't understand the consequences of co-owning assets with others.

## In what steps of the estate planning process do I need an Attorney to represent my interests?

There are many do-it-yourself books and computer programs that you can use to draft your own Will, Trust, Powers of Attorney, Etc. However, there is no substitute for having an Attorney consult with you, educate you and draft the documents for you. Do-it-yourself programs are one size fits all and often fail to raise important questions which can be triggered by answers to prior questions.

For example: do-it-yourself programs do not usually address the issue of an independent trustee or ask you to specifically name people you would not want to be guardians of the property of your minor children. They also don't discuss the reasons you should consider a revocable trust or an irrevocable trust. Under no circumstances should you create an irrevocable trust on your own because once you transfer assets into this trust you cannot get them back.

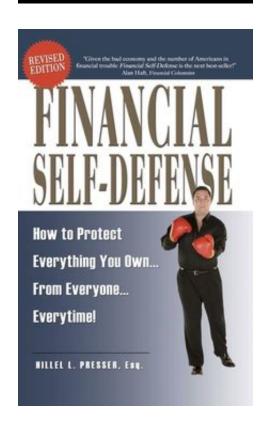
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#### Refer a Friend!

If you know anyone that would benefit

potential tax ramifications without consulting with an Attorney (Will, Trust, Etc.). There are certain basic documents that can be done without an Attorney such as a Living Will (not a Last Will and Testament), a Health Care Surrogate and a Declaration of Preneed Guardian.

You should not create a Power of Attorney without legal counsel as Florida law makes the power immediately effective and it can be very dangerous if not properly drafted.

Finally, one wrong word can change the entire meaning of a document and, therefore, you should not attempt to do most estate planning documents on your own.

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