CLIENT CHECKLIST

WHAT YOUR EXECUTOR* NEEDS TO KNOW



Having your financial information organized in an accessible way is crucial to help your executor do the work of settling your estate: taking inventory to send out notifications, making any distributions, filing your final taxes and paying off debts. It's a big job that can require months of work. Use this checklist to make that work easier.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Will

- Trust and estate plan documents, such as irrevocable trusts
- Health care directive/living will/health care power of attorney
- Instructions to access any safe deposit box or safe
- Bank statements
- Birth certificate

Retirement benefit statements (pension, profit-sharing, 401(k), IRA, group insurance, annuities)

Tax returns

Business documents such as LLC partnership agreements or stock certificates

IMPORTANT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Names and contact information of closest immediate family, friends and beneficiaries, as well as extended family (including ex-spouses) and colleagues

Names and contact information of all lawyers, accountants, doctors, insurance agents and other professional service providers

Personal loan notes, payable or receivable

Insurance policies or cards (life insurance, long-term care, auto, home)

Death certificate

Deeds/titles to property (home, car, boat, burial plots, etc.)

- Divorce decree
- Marriage certificate and prenuptial/marital agreements
- Military discharge
- Citizenship papers
- Property tax records
- Social Security records
- Vehicle titles

Usernames and passwords for personal online accounts (including email and social media accounts)

Passwords to access computers, cell phones and other electronic devices

Inventory of safe deposit box or safe

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