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**Certified Estate Planning Assistant How Should I Own My Florida Homestead Property?

A commonly asked question is, "Should I own my homestead in my trust?" Generally, the answer is, "No." This is not because of your ad valorem homestead exemption or even your Constitutional protection from the claims of creditors. It is not because we don't want you to avoid probate. Instead, it is because Florida law dictates who can receive your Florida homestead property.

Florida has very unique and strict laws regarding the distribution of your primary homestead residence after you die. Specifically, if you die owning your homestead property in your individual name and you are survived by a spouse or a minor child, Florida law dictates to whom you can leave your property. If you are survived by a spouse and no minor child, you can only leave your property to your spouse. If you are survived by both a spouse and a minor child, the spouse automatically receives a life estate and your lineal heirs (all your children) receive the remainder interest. If you violate the law by directing a different result, the law will prevent your intended distribution and substitute its statutory rule, as outlined above.

Florida homestead rules can particularly be an issue for married couples who create revocable living trusts and title their homestead to their trusts. If a husband and wife title their homestead property such that 50% is in the name of the Husband's trust and 50% is in the name of the Wife's trust – there can be an unexpected and undesirable result. If the Husband dies survived by the spouse and no minor child, the law requires him to leave the home only to his spouse. However, unless his trust specifically directs a distribution of the homestead to the spouse (which would be the exception in our experience, not the rule), then the surviving spouse receives a life estate, and the remainder interest is...

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One Senior Place Workshops



Located at : 715 Douglas Ave Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Elder Law Workshops:

The Truth about Medicaid Planning Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. The Trust about Medicaid Planning Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Estate Planning Workshops:

The Truth about Estate Planning
Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
The Truth about Estate Planning
Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Save The Date 2016 Special Needs Conference



Friday, September 16, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join us to learn more about Social Security Income (SSI), ABLE Act, Mental Health Issues, Guardianship & Special Needs Trusts.

This conference will be held at the Oviedo mall in the Community Room.

Please call 407-977-8080 or visit HoytBryan.com for more information.

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

MΔV

The Truth About Medicaid Planning Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Advisor Lunch & Learn

Topic: Medicare versus MedicaidWhat is the Difference?

Tuesday, May 2, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

The Truth About Estate Planning Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Income Tax Changes Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 9:30a.m.

Ways to Structure Business Workshop
Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Women in Transition
Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

JUNE

The Truth About Medicaid Planning Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

The Truth About Estate Planning
Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Special People, Special Planning Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

VA Benefit Planning
Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

JULY

The Truth About Medicaid Planning Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

The Truth About Estate Planning Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

What To Do When Someone Dies Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Office Closed- 4th of July Holiday Monday, July 4, 2016

Office Closed-Monday, May 30, 2016

All public workshops are complimentary and are held in our Learning Center. To RSVP please call 407-977-8080 or visit HoytBryan.com for more information.



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Picnic Potato Salad

- 3 pounds small red skinned potatoes, quartered
- 1 cup packed basil leaves
- 1/4 cup packed mint leaves
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled
- 1/2 cup toasted, chopped pecans
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes



- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1/2 cup Parmasan
- 1/2 cup olive oil

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over medium heat.

Add the potatoes and cook until just tender, about 12 minutes.

Drain well and let cool slightly.

Pulse the basil, mint, garlic, pecans, lemon juice, Parmesan, salt and pepper, to taste, and red pepper flakes in a food processor.

Drizzle in the olive oil while the machine is running.

Spoon the pesto into a large serving bowl, then add the potatoes and toss to coat.

Serve a room temperature and enjoy!



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Lending a Helping Paw.. **Pippin**

> Size: Medium Age: Adult **Gender: Female**

Pippin is a beautiful, sweet, friendly outgoing girl and will make you the center of her world. She has an awesome personality and will keep you entertained with her playfulness.

If you are interested in adopting Pippin or to make a donation please email KittyRescueTNR@gmail.com.



18th Annual **Family Café** June 10-12, 2016 **Hyatt Regency** 9801 International Parkway Orlando, FL 32819 FamilyCafe.net

This three-day event provides a venue for people with disabilities and their families. It features a full Exhibit Hall, a series of Keynote speakers, break-out sessions and multiple opportunities to interact with other families informally.

There is no registration fee for individuals with disabilities and their family members or caregivers.

Don't miss Sarah AuMiller and Michelle Adams speaking on Friday, June 10th from 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

Topic: Unlocking the Mystery—Guardian Advocacy and Special Needs Trusts