

# LARRY E. CIESLA

## ESTATE PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE - SINGLE

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Whom may we thank for the referral to our office? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an old will? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (Please bring a copy with you)

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address \_\_\_\_\_

County in which you reside \_\_\_\_\_

Other counties/states in which you own real estate \_\_\_\_\_

3. Prior marriages? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, are you divorced \_\_\_\_\_ or widowed \_\_\_\_\_

Did you have a nuptial agreement? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (Bring it with you)

Have you ever lived in Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, New Mexico, Texas, Washington or Wisconsin? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

4. Contact Information: Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

7. Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

8. Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Retired? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

9. Children; next of kin; or beneficiaries (Please list all children; grandchildren; next of kin; and unrelated persons you may wish to name as beneficiaries of your estate):

<u>Names and addresses</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Dates of Birth for children (or grandchildren)</u>
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(You may attach additional pages)

10. Do you have children or other relatives dependent upon you for support? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, describe \_\_\_\_\_

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- 11. Preferred funeral home? \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Cremation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 13. Preferred cemetery \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. Do you have a pre-paid funeral plan? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1. Whom do you wish to name as your personal representative (executor)?  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

If he or she cannot serve for any reason, who would be your next choice?  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Name of guardian for any minor children?  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Whom do you wish to receive your tangible personal property (furniture, jewelry, clothing, automobiles, etc.)?  
 First \_\_\_\_\_  
 Then to: \_\_\_\_\_

- 4. Do you wish to make any specific gifts of property or money? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 I wish to give: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 I wish to give: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 I wish to give: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 I wish to give: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

- 5. Whom do you wish to receive the balance of your estate?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

(Give fractions or percentages where more than one beneficiary)

- 6. Does any beneficiary have any special needs (e.g., education not yet completed, is still a minor, has ongoing health concerns) so that you want additional information regarding a trust for their shares of the estate? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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7. Would you like information regarding:  
 Living Will (a document indicating that you do not want unnecessary life support system)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Durable Power of Attorney? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Living Trust? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
8. Have you established any trusts? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 If yes, attach a copy and state current value \$ \_\_\_\_\_
9. Are you the beneficiary of any trust? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 If yes, attach a copy and state current value \$ \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you have any obligations under a divorce decree from a prior marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, attach a copy.
11. Do you hold a power of appointment granted to you by another person in a trust?  
 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

### ASSET INFORMATION

1. **BANK** Name \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Location</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Type of Account</u>	<u>Approximate Value</u>
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<u>Location</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Type of Account</u>	<u>Approximate Value</u>
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**BROKERAGE** Account with \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Location</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Type of Account</u>	<u>Approximate Value</u>
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<u>Location</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Type of Account</u>	<u>Approximate Value</u>
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2. **SAFE DEPOSIT BOX:**                      Location                                      Name(s) on Box

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3. **REAL ESTATE:** Approximate  
Location Name(s) on Deed Value

Home \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. **LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES:** Contingent  
Insured Name of Company Beneficiary Beneficiary Value  
(if any)

5. **PRIVATELY HELD STOCKS/BONDS:**  
 Name(s) on \_\_\_\_\_

Company Where Located Certificates? Approximate  
Value

Name of CPA \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Financial Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you made any gifts over \$10,000.00 per year to a beneficiary or for which you filed a gift tax return? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

7. **AUTOMOBILES:**  
Year & Make Name(s) on Title

8. Do you have any debts that are secured by any assets (e.g., automobile loan, real estate mortgage, etc.)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Name of Lender What Asset is Held Credit Life  
as Security? Insurance?

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9. **ANNUITIES:**

Are you receiving (or do you anticipate receiving) annuity payments? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, to whom are payments made? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this an annuity for life? \_\_\_\_\_

Will payments continue after your death (sometimes referred to as a "joint and survivor" annuity)? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, to whom will payments be made? \_\_\_\_\_

10. **RETIREMENT PLANS:**

Have you participated in a plan maintained by an employer that will provide benefits upon your retirement or death? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, attach a copy of your most recent statement.

If yes, have you executed designation of beneficiary forms? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, attach copies of designation of beneficiary forms.

Do you have any IRA, Roth IRA, SEP IRA or other similar retirement plans?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, attach copies of your designation of beneficiary form and most recent account statement.

11. **FOREIGN PROPERTY:**

Do you own any property in a foreign country? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

12. **BENEFICIARY CONCERNS:**

Do you have any concerns regarding the ability of a beneficiary of your estate to prudently manage his or her inheritance? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

13. **DEBTS:**

List any significant debts other than secured debts set forth in Section 8 above:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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### THE FOLLOWING WILL BE COMPLETED AT OUR INITIAL CONSULTATION:

Your signature below confirms the engagement of the Law Office of Larry E. Ciesla as legal counsel for you in the preparation of the following estate planning documents:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Revocable Trust Agreement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Last Will and Testament
- \_\_\_\_\_ Durable Power of Attorney
- \_\_\_\_\_ Living Will & Health Care Surrogate Designation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Deed(s)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

The attorney's fee referenced below includes any meetings or telephone conferences, the drafting of your documents and related correspondence, and written instructions and assistance regarding the funding of your trust, if any. The fee excludes actual out-of-pocket expenses such as clerk of court fees for recording deeds (usually \$27.70 per deed), which will be charged in addition to the fee quoted.

In consideration of the legal services we render to you, the fee is due at the earlier of (i) 60 days after our office sends out the initial drafts of your documents; or (ii) at the time the documents are executed. It is further understood that this agreement does not cover any fees for professional services other than those listed above and that if additional services are needed you will be billed separately for them.

- ATTORNEY'S FEE:  Flat Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Hourly Fee @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per hour

- TIME FRAMES:  STANDARD - Attorney will provide drafts of documents within 30 days of initial conference, and documents will be revised as necessary and executed within 60 days of initial conference
- RUSH - Documents will be executed on or before (date) \_\_\_\_\_

ACCEPTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ LAW OFFICE OF LARRY E. CIESLA

CLIENT \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
LARRY E. CIESLA  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMPLETION OF ENGAGEMENT AND FILE RETENTION POLICY**

The scope of this engagement shall be deemed completed at the time your estate planning documents are executed; deeds recorded; and written instructions conveyed to you regarding funding of your trust, if applicable. We will then have no further duty or obligation to provide you with any further services, including but not limited to alerting you to future changes in the law. We hope you will contact us with regard to any legal needs or questions you may have in the future (which would, of course, be the subject of a new engagement agreement).

It is our policy to deliver the originals of all executed estate planning documents to our clients unless, based on special circumstances, a client wishes to leave the originals in our possession. We keep copies of all executed estate planning documents in our client files. It is our policy to retain all estate planning files indefinitely (in other words, we do not ever destroy estate planning files). We do, however, reserve the right to charge an administrative fee for retrieving, copying and delivering the file to the client or the client's agent if requested in the future.

We occasionally receive document requests from third persons, such as a family member while a client is alive or a lawyer representing a family member after a client's death. We are under an ethical duty to maintain the confidentiality of your estate planning documents during your lifetime and after your death, unless disclosure is court authorized, or under certain circumstances if we determine that it would be in your best interest to release copies of your documents. However, you have the right to prevent us from ever releasing your documents except when court authorized.

- I direct that copies of my estate planning documents be released only when court authorized.
- I authorize the release of copies of my estate planning documents to third parties such as a family member while I am alive or a lawyer representing a family member after my death, if the LAW OFFICE OF LARRY E. CIESLA determines that release of the documents would be in my best interest.
- I hereby authorize the LAW OFFICE OF LARRY E. CIESLA to release copies of my estate planning documents upon request at any time by \_\_\_\_\_, and I hold the LAW OFFICE OF LARRY E. CIESLA harmless for the release of my documents to the above-named person(s).

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Client \_\_\_\_\_