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#### Help us write your epic

Stories celebrating the adventures and achievements of a legendary hero are often called epics. As the central character in your epic, you have your own story to tell; and you will face challenges along the way.

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With four simple steps, you can begin the important work of leaving your legacy. The EPIC approach to estate planning will help you plan for what's next.

Beginning with focusing on you and your wishes, EPIC will help you inventory assets, define your goals and aspirations, and ultimately align your estate plan to achieve those goals.

## We call it EPIC. It's estate planning, individually centered — on you.

Many people think estate planning is about what happens upon their death. While this is true, there is more to consider.



### It starts with you

... and your spouse and others you love. EPIC places you at the center of your estate plan.

You've worked hard to grow the assets you'll enjoy in retirement, and you deserve to protect those assets for your children and grandchildren.

Picture your community surrounding your family, surrounding you and your spouse or partner, and the EPIC approach emerges. This is your life, your legacy, your EPIC.

# Your epic is about

Protecting your family if an unexpected event happens

Passing on your estate in the most tax-efficient manner possible

Protecting your legacy for your descendants

Remembering those people and organizations that meant the most to you

The impact you have made in your life and the image you wish to leave behind

Estate planning is about all the things you have and all the people you love. The goal of your estate plan is to inventory these things and plan for their care after you're gone.





## Start writing your EPIC today

Start your epic journey by contacting your financial professional. They will work with you and your estate planning professionals to help you identify what's important to you and create strategies to pursue your goals.















## Estate planning in four steps



The EPIC approach to estate planning starts by focusing on you today. What do you own? This includes everything from furniture to cars, all real estate and your 401(k). The first step is to inventory everything you own and consider how you want those items treated after you're gone.

What are your plans for the things you own?



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The third step is to document your wishes with the help of estate planning professionals. They will help guide you through the world of wills, trusts, powers of attorney and more.

Now it's time to put your estate plan in place. This includes titling or retitling assets to ensure they correspond with the wishes of your will, funding trusts you may have created, and documenting your beneficiary designations. It will include a list of your financial accounts, your social media accounts, and all of your other investments and property. It should have your wishes for today, tomorrow and after you're gone.

The next step in estate planning is to write down

your wishes in case something happens to you.

Do the people in your life know of your wishes?

final decider of who owns your possessions.

Without a plan, your state government may be the

The ultimate goal is to help you write your story and, with proper planning, pass along your wisdom and wealth to your children and grandchildren. When all is said and done, you'll end up with an estate plan, individually centered on you and those you love. Your epic.



Don't forget. You'll want to revisit your plans regularly or when a significant event occurs in your life.

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