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Monthly Newsletter

Spring is here – Plant the Seeds Today!

Spring is a time of planting - of preparing the ground today for what you hope to grow tomorrow. Estate Planning works the same way.

Too often, estate planning gets pushed aside as something to "get to later." But without a plan in place, your loved ones may be left navigating court processes, unexpected costs, and difficult decisions during an already emotional time. Planting the seeds of a strong estate plan means more than just signing documents - it means being intentional about your life's work and how it is passed on and protected. *With the right strategy, you can*:

-Ensure your assets go exactly where you want, when you want
-Minimize delays and avoid unnecessary court involvement
-Protect your family's privacy and reduce stress during transitions
-Provide guidance and security for loved ones

Just as a garden needs ongoing care, your estate plan should grow and adapt with you. Major life events—like marriages, new children or grandchildren, changes in financial circumstances, or retirement—are all opportunities to revisit and strengthen your plan.

The good news is, you don't have to do it alone. With thoughtful guidance and a proactive approach, estate planning becomes less about paperwork and more about purpose—protecting what you've built and the people you care about most.

The seeds you plant today will provide security, clarity and peace of mind for your family tomorrow.

"WHAT YOU PUT IN PLACE TODAY BECOMES THE PROTECTION AND PEACE YOUR FAMILY RELIES ON TOMORROW."

Call to schedule your Complimentary Consultation

HOUGUM LAW FIRM, LLC TEAM CELEBRATIONS

Amanda
Attorney
Celebrating 5th year work anniversary!

Bryce
Client Services Coordinator
Celebrating 1st work anniversary!

COMPLIMENTARY CONSULTATIONS

Unsure of the next steps? Call today to set up your complimentary consultation with one of our Attorneys!

A Season of Control: Taking Charge of Your Future

Spring is about fresh starts—and estate planning gives you the opportunity to start with intention and purpose. Without a plan in place, the state of Wisconsin will determine how your assets are distributed through intestate laws, which may not reflect your wishes or your family's unique needs.

Creating a comprehensive estate plan—using tools like wills, trusts, and powers of attorney—puts you back in control. It ensures your voice is heard and your decisions are honored, even when you're unable to speak for yourself. With a thoughtful plan, you can:

1. *Decide who receives your assets* – Children? Grandchildren? Neighbor? Friend? The list of possibilities is endless.

2. *Name Guardians for Minor Children* – What happens to your kids when something happens to you?

3. *Appoint trusted individuals to make decisions on your behalf* – If you can't make healthcare or financial decisions, who will?

A properly designed estate plan replaces a "default plan" with one that is built around your values, your priorities, and the people who matter most—giving you confidence today and clarity for the future. It's the best thing you can do for your family.

We're here to help!

We understand that planning ahead can be overwhelming. That's why we have our entire team ready to help you and your family. With attorneys in Wausau, Rhinelander and Plover, we can assist you wherever you may be located. Call us today!