# The Wealth Organizer



#### Create a well-ordered life

Congratulations! In just a few short weeks, you can accomplish what most people never focus on in their entire lives. This brief exercise will enable you to strategically assemble the critical details of your financial life so that you will then be ready to begin the process of:

- Providing for your loved ones
- Clarifying your personal and financial goals
- Updating your estate plan
- Articulating clear letters of instruction to key individuals in your life, and organizing your most important documents into one accessible location

At the conclusion of this process, your Financial Advisor will work with you to develop a customized strategy that is aligned to both your financial and personal goals.

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## **Personal Information**

Primary Person	
Date	
Name	
Date of Birth	
Citizenship	
Occupation	
Education	
Primary Residence	
Home Phone	Home Fax
Work Phone	Work Fax
Email	
Spouse/Loved One	
Name	
Occupation	
Date of Birth	
Citizenship	
Education	
Work Phone	Work Fax
Email	

# Personal Information (Continued)

Children/Dependents			
Name	Date of Birth	School	
Name	Date of Birth	School	
Name	Date of Birth	School	
Name	Date of Birth	School	
Name	Date of Birth	School	
Name	Date of Birth	School	

Grandchildren		
Name	Date of Birth	

# Important Life Information & Document Organizer

Personal	Where is original stored? Where is the copy?
Emergency contact information Name, addresses, phone numbers	
Education (certificates, degrees)	
Employment and retirement records	
Military records	
Family genealogy (family tree)	
Home records (locks, keys, mortgage, deed, inventory, photos of major household items)	
Legal documents (lawyer's contact info)	
Medical records (blood type, prescriptions, allergies, doctor, hospital, medical directive)	
Safe deposit box (contents, key holder)	
Vital Records	Where is original stored? Where is the Copy?
Voter registration, copies of marriage license, birth or death certificate of spouse or children, divorce papers, Social Security card, organ donor card, pre-arranged funeral information, military discharge record, passport number	
Bank account numbers (checking/savings) copy of signature card, PIN number	
Credit cards and phone numbers of companies	
Household bills/loans	
Estate planning, power of attorney list of assets (valuables), lawyer	
Financial planning, list of assets, financial planner	
Income records (1099, W-2, interest income)	
Investments annuities, mutual funds, CDs, stocks Financial Advisor	
Loans and agreements	
Mortgage company	
Retirement plan (401(k), IRA, etc.)	
Savings (bonds, employer plan)	
Social Security earnings	
Utilities: phone, TV, internet, cell company phone numbers	
Utilities: water gas electric emergency number	

# Important Life Information & Document Organizer (Continued)

Motor Vehicle Records	Where is original stored? Where is the copy?
Copy of title, registration, purchase or sales record, Auto club, motorcycle, boat	
Taxes and Insurance	Where is original stored? Where is the copy?
Income tax records	
Disability insurance, agent's contact info	
Medical/dental insurance, agent's info	
Medicare	
Homeowner's insurance, policy number	
Life insurance, agent's info	
Mortgage insurance	
Property taxes and assessment	
Vehicle insurance, policy number, agent's info	
Lifestyle	Where is original stored? Where is the copy?
Computer accounts, records, passwords	
Pet's description, name, photo, shot records, veterinarian info	
Religious records (place of worship, clergy)	
Social and exercise clubs	
Membership associations/organizations	
Name	Last Updated

## Personal Goals & Aspirations

Financial assets are a tool that may help you realize your personal goals. Please list your top three personal aspirations and family priorities as the first step in your planning process for the next year.

	What are your three most important goals for the next year?
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	For the next three years?
	For the next 10 years?
	If you had complete financial security, how would you spend your time?

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments but what is woven into the lives of others." — Pericles

)5	When do you hope to begin doing all of these things?
i	
ii	
iii.	
)6	What are the most important beliefs, values or philosophies you want to pass along to your family, children, grandchildren and their children?
i	
iii.	
7	Will your current plan help you accomplish this?
i	
ii	
ii.	
8	If not, what could you do to assure that your legacy becomes a reality?
9	Other Considerations

# Financial Goals & Objectives

UI	Please prioritize your financial goals (I being the nighest priority)
	Strengthen or refocus your philanthropic pursuits
	Fund family charitable organization (e.g., Family Foundation)
	Fund a new business
	Provide capital for private equity investments
	Revisit tax-code efficiencies
	Encourage greater involvement by your children in the family enterprise
	Other
02	Estimated funds required to satisfy financial goals: \$
	Are you moving closer to achieving these financial goals? If so, how? If not, why not?
04	
	What could you do differently to achieve these goals?
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# Financial Goals & Objectives (Continued)

05	Do you have a family business? If yes, have you defined a formal succession plan?
06	Are there any sibling/family concerns that need to be addressed?  If yes, how do you plan to reconcile these concerns?
07	How can you become better organized? Prioritize those that apply (1 being a top priority and 3 being a low priority)
	Review and update my financial plan
	Create or update my personal financial statement
	Create or update my investment policy statement
	Review and update my estate plan
	Prepare my spouse and family to manage our affairs
	Update wills
	Update trusts
	Create my team of advisors
	File everything in one place
	Know that I have done all I can/should
80	How do you plan to accomplish the above?
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#### **Letter of Instruction Guidelines**

How would you like the following items to be handled?

One of the most precious gifts we can leave behind is a well-conceived plan to assist our loved ones during their time of grief. Taking the time now to draft clear instructions can save them countless hours later on when making essential and important decisions, and crafting plans that may be even more difficult to address under the circumstances. The following are some considerations:

01 People to notify 02 Immediate cash needs 03 Location of important documents **Funeral arrangements** 04 05 **Insurance proceeds** 

## Letter of Instruction Guidelines (Continued)

06	Heirlooms
07	Business
08	Potential Advisors and Counsel
09	Other

Important Note: All Letters of Instruction should be reviewed by your estate attorney and should not conflict with the terms of your will or other legal documents.

Next, describe each of your major financial assets, their purpose, how to manage them and when and under what circumstances they should be dispersed or restructured.

10	Business Agreements
11	Privately Held Stock
12	Real Estate
13	Insurance Trusts
14	Charitable Trusts
15	Family Limited Partnerships
16	Other

Today, some families are using DVD, video or CD recordings to memorialize their thoughts, feelings and wishes. You may want to consider using these methods to create your own living memory. Please contact your attorney or legal representative to discuss further.

Finally, take a moment to write to all of your loved ones.

17	Spouse			
18	Children			
19	Siblings			
20	Parents			
21	Friends			

### Financial Knowledge Assessment

It is important to identify what you know and what you would like to learn. We will help you become more familiar with the terms and concepts that will help you to better understand ways to manage your financial affairs. First, determine where you stand on the learning curve.

Please complete the following assessment. On a scale of 0 to 10, rate your level of expertise.

O—Completely unfamiliar; 5—Some or minimal knowledge; 8—Extensive knowledge; 10—My expertise

ancial Planning	Investments
Establishing Financial Goals	Expected Returns in the Capital Markets
Asset Allocation	Expected Volatility in the Capital Markets
Wealth Transfer Strategies	Commodities
Investment Strategies	Hedge Funds
Diversification	Alternative Asset Classes
Multigenerational Planning	
Tax Considerations	Insurance
Gifting Strategies	Life Insurance
Investing in Bonds	Annuities
Triple Taxation on Retirement Plans	Long-Term Care Insurance
	Umbrella Liability Policies
	Disability Insurance
Trusts	
Family Partnerships	
Family Foundations	
Community Foundations	
Living Trusts	
Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts	
Grantor Trusts (GRIT, GRAT, GRUT)	
Testamentary Trusts	

### **Evaluating Your Advisory Team**

When evaluating your advisory team's capabilities, it is essential to understand their experience in areas that affect you. Although your comfort level and trust are the most important criteria, their respective capabilities and credentials are a prerequisite. Each member of your advisory team should supply personal references upon your request.

Tax Planning	Specialty Areas		
O1 My advisors have the following:	O2 My advisors have experience in:		
СРА	Individuals		
Master's in Tax	Family Office		
J.D. with Tax Specialty	Private Businesses		
Active Participation in Professional Association	Deferred Compensation		
Recognized Industry Credentials	Estates		
Published Articles	ERISA/Retirement Plans		
	Trust Attorney		
	Offshore Entities		
Financial Advisor	Multigenerational Planning		
	Estate Planning		
O3 My advisors have the following:	Credit Protection		
Industry Certifications			
Documented Track Record			
Special Knowledge in Relevant Disciplines			
Published Articles			
Insurance Professional			
<b>04</b> My advisors have the following:			
License to Practice in Multiple States			
Chartered Life Underwriter Designation			
Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriter Designation			

#### **Contacts**

Please list the contact information for your advisors.

Please attach any additional information on a separate sheet.

Tax Specialist	Contac
NAME	NAME
ADDRESS	ADDRESS
PHONE/FAX	PHONE/FAX
EMAIL	EMAIL
Trust Attorney	Contac
NAME	NAME
ADDRESS	ADDRESS
PHONE/FAX	PHONE/FAX
EMAIL	EMAIL
Financial Advisor	Contac
NAME	NAME
ADDRESS	ADDRESS
PHONE/FAX	PHONE/FAX
EMAIL	EMAIL
Insurance Professional	Contac
NAME	NAME
ADDRESS	ADDRESS
PHONE/FAX	PHONE/FAX
EMAIL	EMAIL

In the event of an emergency, please list the contact information for family and friends you would want to be notified.

Contact 1
NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE/FAX
EMAIL
Contact 2
NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE/FAX
EMAIL
Contact 3
NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE/FAX
EMAIL
Contact 4
NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE/FAX

### **Investment Policy Worksheet**

A key to developing any successful investment policy is understanding the purpose and objectives of the assets being considered. Another important element is to understand the appropriate time horizon when seeking to achieve your goals. Use a separate sheet for each distinct goal assessment.

Funds/Investments	Oversight Responsibility
Purpose	Responsibility of Others
Amount	Frequency of Evaluation
Original Source of Funds	
Tax Considerations	Time Horizon
Personal Definition of Risk	3 Years
Maximum Annual Tolerable Loss	5 Years
Income Required From Funds/Investments	10 Years
Return Requirement	20 years
Target Return	50+ Years

#### **Document Locator**

Name	Date
Personal	
Personat	
Original Will (self)	
Original Will (spouse)	
Special Estate Instructions — Written	
Special Estate Instructions — Video	
Combination to managed of	
Combination to personal safe	
Bank Safe Deposit Box	
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Power of Attorney	
Health Care Power of Attorney	
Living Will	
Birth Certificate	
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Military Records	
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# **Document Locator (Continued)**

Name	Date
Personal	
Marriage Certificate	
Divorce Papers	
Other, e.g., Adoption Papers	
Business/Professional	
Partnership/LLC Documents	
Corporate Documents	
Inventory of Business Assets	
Buy/Sell Documents	
Pension Plans	
Other Employee Retirement Benefits (e.g., Nonqualified Deferred Compensation)	

# **Document Locator (Continued)**

Name	Date
Tax Returns and Records	
Family Partnerships	
Family Foundations	
Community Foundations	
Insurance Policies	
Family Partnerships	
Family Foundations	
Community Foundations	
Trusts	
Living Trusts	
Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts	
Grantor Trusts (GRIT, GRAT, GRUT)	

# **Document Locator (Continued)**

Name	Date
Financial Assets	
Family Partnerships	
Family Foundations	
Community Foundations	
Living Trusts	
Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts	
Grantor Trusts (GRIT, GRAT, GRUT)	
Testamentary Trusts	
Other Instruments/Papers	
Family Partnerships	
Family Foundations	
Community Foundations	
Living Trusts	
Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts	

#### Implementation Schedule

You have just successfully completed Step 1 of creating your Wealth Organizer. Please see below for an explanation of the subsequent steps as well as a time estimation for completion.

Step	Action	Time Frame
01	Compile personal and financial goals	2 hours
02	Formulate and write your investment goals and objectives, and prepare a recommendation in line with your objectives	2–3 weeks
03	Review goals and objectives	1 hour
04	Create an investment plan designed to help you achieve your goals	2–3 weeks
05	Schedule a meeting with advisors to review the updated plan	2–4 hours
06	Conduct Quarterly Review	1–2 weeks
	Target Completion Date	

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