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Types of Things I Do

- 1. Draft wills, trusts, healthcare directives, and powers of attorney.
- 2. Design wealth preservation and asset protection strategies.
- 3. Tax Planning Estate, Gift and Income Taxes
- **4.** Estate/Trust Administration (Probate and Non-Probate)
- 5. Disability Planning
- **6.** Charitable Gift Planning

Questions You Can Ask Your Client

- 1. Do you have children?
 - a. MINORS: If you and your spouse were not here, who would you like to care for them? Manage their money? Decide where they go to school? When their curfew is? Etc. Do you have a will naming that person as guardian? If not, a court will appoint guardian without your input.
 - b. Do you have children from a previous marriage?
 - c. Do you want to provide for their education?
 - d. Do any of them have special needs?
 - e. Do you want to provide them with incentives for developing good work ethic, study habits, etc.?
- 2. Who would care for you and make decisions regarding your health care and property should you become disabled?
- 3. Do you own a business?
 - a. **YES**: Do you know what will happen to it if you become disabled or die?
 - i. NO: You need a business succession plan.
 - ii. **YES**: That's great. But you may want to review your plan if it has been awhile since it was updated.
- 4. Do you want to support charities? Save taxes? Help others? Improve the environment?
- 5. Are you worried that you may be sued?