

*Practicing in Elder Law,
Estate Planning,
Estate and Trust Settlement
and Business Planning*



THE LAW OFFICES
OF
Louis P. Lepore

CARING MATTERS

THE FIRM PHILOSOPHY

“The guiding principles of my life and my firm have always been to be honest, genuine, thoughtful and caring.”

The firm is dedicated to helping you and your loved ones achieve your planning objectives in a caring and compassionate manner. I fully recognize the emotional challenges of preparing for when you will pass your assets, values



and family legacy to your heirs and loved ones. My practice is dedicated to caring for you, the ones that you love and the things that you care about most. The focus is to build solid, trusting and lasting relationships that you and your family can count on now and in the future. Our goal is to help you maintain your independence and control your affairs. We have a genuine desire to learn about you and your family. Share with us your dreams, desires, aspirations and passions. The firm is here to help you navigate through the process by providing competent and caring legal services. We will address your questions and concerns so that we may eliminate or reduce your worries.

Helping clients make the right decisions using a caring and comprehensive approach in the fields of:

- ❖ Estate Planning and Administration
- ❖ Elder Law
- ❖ Asset Protection
- ❖ Medicaid crisis planning for nursing home care and in-home care
- ❖ Wills & Trusts
- ❖ Establishing Medicaid eligibility for nursing home care and in-home care
- ❖ Business Planning
- ❖ Estate and Trust Settlement
- ❖ Business Succession Planning

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COVERAGE AT THE
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Establishing Medicaid eligibility for nursing home care

For the best possible outcome, it pays to plan ahead.

Do not wait for a crisis to occur before discussing Medicaid planning. The rules for Medicaid are quite harsh. There is a five year look-back to see if you have given away your assets; there is a five year going forward penalty period if you have. Louis Lepore, Esq. will explain all of your options so that you may make thoughtful choices. Even if you and your spouse are not currently in need of long-term care, you may wish to plan for an unforeseen diagnosis such as Alzheimer's or dementia. The costs of nursing home care can deplete savings in a matter of months or years. Louis Lepore explores all the necessary asset protection techniques to meet his clients' needs.

What does Medicaid cover?

Did you know that with the right type of planning you may be able to qualify for the following coverage from Medicaid?

- *Nursing home care (minus your monthly income)*
- *Co-pays and most prescriptions*
- *Care at home*

Medicaid crisis planning

HAS YOUR LOVED ONE JUST BEEN PLACED IN A NURSING HOME?

If you or someone you care about is facing a Medicaid crisis situation, contact us as soon as possible for a consultation. We can determine if you are eligible for Medicaid assistance and help you get the financial assistance you need as quickly as possible while trying to protect your assets. We should be able to help if you or a loved one is already in a nursing home.



DOES YOUR LOVED ONE NEED ASSISTANCE AT HOME?

Many people are unaware that Medicaid can provide generous long-term home care services. We can have your loved one live at home with the assistance of a home health care attendant. When applying for home care it may be possible to transfer assets and qualify for Medicaid immediately to cover home care costs. Contact us as soon as possible for a consultation.

ELDER LAW

Louis Lepore, Esq. is an advocate for the elderly and their loved ones. His firm handles a wide range of legal matters affecting senior citizens or disabled persons, with a primary focus on Medicaid asset protection and Medicaid crisis planning.

Estate Planning

Estate Planning involves knowledge of many areas of law including taxes, insurance, retirement benefits, property, wills and trusts. Louis Lepore, Esq. will help you arrange your property and memorialize your wishes so that you may enjoy the peace of mind that comes with knowing that your assets are protected during your lifetime and will be distributed as per your wishes after your death. Are you concerned that your child will not be mature enough to handle an inheritance? Do you think your spouse may be manipulated into poor financial decisions? Would you like to encourage your grandchildren to pursue an education? With thoughtfully prepared documents, you may continue to guide your loved ones with your wisdom even after you are gone. Does someone you love have special needs? Our documents allow you to enhance your disabled loved one's quality of life, without jeopardizing their government benefits which are so vital. You can take comfort in knowing that Louis Lepore, Esq. keeps a sharp focus on these issues to serve you well.



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FOR YOU, AND
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Business Succession Planning

Business succession planning is an investment in the future. Your business represents a lifetime of work. If you've accepted the reality that you will leave your business at some point in the future, you will want to determine your planned exit strategy. The firm will be able to assist you in establishing your goals and objectives and plotting the strategy to meet your needs. Planning is the key to future success for you and your family.

Probate and Estate Administration

Louis Lepore, Esq. understands that the time after a loved one has passed away can be difficult for families. He recognizes the confusion and even helplessness that often occurs in families after they've lost a loved one, irrespective of whether all legal documents are in order. Both probate and intestacy proceedings involve the court stepping in to make sure that the bills are paid, and the assets are distributed properly. Louis Lepore, Esq. will assist you throughout the court proceedings. He will help you inventory the assets, publish proper statutory notice to the creditors, ensure that legitimate creditors are paid, and distribute the balance to the appropriate beneficiaries. During this process, the court must approve your every action; you must have legal representation.

Trust Settlement

When your property is protected in a trust, it is legally bound to the terms and provisions of that trust. This means that your family or loved ones will need to follow the specific terms of your trust before they can distribute or receive any finances. A trustee cannot settle a trust immediately and will be required to follow several legal regulations, including the administration of the trust, before settling it. There are a variety of options your loved one might have used, such as revocable living trusts, life insurance trusts or irrevocable trusts. Each trust has different requirements and complex processes that will need to be followed. You will still need to enlist the services of a skilled and caring attorney to help settle the trust efficiently.

About Louis Lepore, Esq.

Louis Lepore is an attorney admitted to practice law in the states of New York, New Jersey and Florida. He has a B.S. in accounting from St. John's University and an extensive graduate education, including an L.L.M. in taxation from Georgetown University. He has vast experience in tax matters, with over ten years of experience working for the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, and is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

He uses his education and experience to help his clients handle taxation issues in real estate, estate planning and probate. Louis Lepore has dedicated his practice of law to providing quality legal representation and personal attention to all of his clients, whether he is drafting a simple will or handling a complex estate.



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We help clients plan for what they care about most so they are free to achieve what is important to them.



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