



Connelly Law Offices, Ltd. *Certified Elder Law Attorney*

Connelly Law is an elder law firm that specializes in estate planning and probate law, as well as a variety of fiduciary services. Our firm, established in 1970, continues to serve Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. To ensure that our clients' assets are not only protected throughout their lives, but after they pass away as well, our firm helps clients create clear and concise estate plans.

For clients who are facing probate regarding a loved one's estate, we have the ability to assist them throughout the entire process.

Our firm offers clients the highest quality in legal representation and we are licensed to practice before the Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Federal Bars.

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Attorney Connelly practices in the area of elder law. This area of law involves Medicaid planning and asset protection advice for those individuals entering nursing homes, planning for the possibility of disability through the use of powers of attorney for the both health care and finances, guardianship, estate planning, probate and estate administration, preparation of wills, living trusts and special or supplemental needs trusts.

Our firm handles contested and uncontested probate court matters and provides a wide range of fiduciary services to our clients in acting as trustee, attorney-in-fact, representative payee or other court appointments.

Attorney Connelly represents clients primarily in the states of Rhode Island, Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Estate Planning Elder Law

"Peace of mind through proper planning"



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Planning Ahead

Establishing an estate plan is one of the most important steps a person can take to protect themselves and their loved ones. Proper estate planning not only puts an individual in charge of their own finances but also spares the expense, frustrations and delays should the individual pass away or become incapacitated.



But, I'm Not Wealthy...

Estate planning is not only for the wealthy. If you have an income, a car, investments, a bank account, or any combination of these things, you have an estate — and you need an estate plan. A plan names who is responsible for selling the house, who will get family heirlooms and keepsakes. It names who gets the car. In short, an estate plan eliminates family disputes and drawn out legal battles that drain family members of money, time and emotions.

A Comprehensive Plan

At Connelly Law, we meet with each client and discuss what they need. We do not provide cookie cutter plans, rather a plan that addresses the unique needs that each person and family may have. Our estate plans are practical and effective, designed to meet our clients' financial and family goals. Each plan we develop together provides safeguards for the client that names beneficiaries eliminating unnecessary strife.

What's in an Estate Plan?

Estate plans may be very simple or extremely complex. We assist our clients with such estate planning matters as:

- **Wills**
- **Trusts** - revocable and irrevocable
- **Living wills** and **health care directives** to address end of life and other medical decisions
- **Guardianships** and **conservatorships** to protect minors, incapacitated loved ones, and those who may have special needs
- **Business succession planning** for a family business
- **Durable Powers of Attorney**
- **Probate** and **estate** administration
- **Medicaid planning**

Special Needs Planning

If you have a disabled child or loved one, special needs planning should be a critical component of your estate plan. Connelly Law can help set up a special needs trust so that government benefit eligibility such as Medicaid or SSI payments remain in place and preserved while at the same time providing assets that will meet the supplemental needs of the person with the disability.

Long Term Care

Connelly Law is dedicated to assisting the elderly and those with disabilities in planning to maintain their desired quality of life. We prepare any legal documentation needed such as a healthcare proxy, living will or power of attorney.

Durable Power of Attorney

A Guardianship is a legal arrangement that places a person, known as a ward, under the supervision of a guardian usually appointed by the court. If advance instructions are not made and you are unable to manage your assets and affairs, an outsider may be appointed to manage your assets. Planning ahead by naming a durable power of attorney avoids this action and places a person of your choice in charge of your affairs should such a situation occur.

Medicaid Planning

The cost of long term care is financially crippling even for the wealthiest families. Nursing home care will deplete savings, and Medicare and Medicare supplements only provide short term limited coverage. Connelly Law has decades of experience and staff who have the expertise to help our clients avoid financial ruin that can occur as a result of the high cost associated with long term care.

"For over three decades, my focus continues to be helping families and individuals protect themselves and their loved ones personally and financially by planning for their unique needs. Call my office today at 401-724-9400."

