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The Most Common Estate Assets



You Own More Than You Think...

Knowing what you have is a must! Look at the following assets to see what your estate consists of. You may have more than you think.

All of the property that a person owns is a part of his or her estate. Common estate assets include:

- Real estate and improvements.
- Banking and investment accounts.
- Personal items (for example, clothing, furniture, artwork, jewelry, autos, etc.).
- Retirement plans, pension plans, and IRAs.
- Life Insurance.
- Future Inheritances.
- Annuities.
- Business interests.

As you review this list and identify the items that are included in your list of assets, you can see that there is monetary value in each of these categories.

When reviewing your assets, you will also need to determine which of your assets are considered community property and which assets are considered separate property. An estate plan disposes of your one-half community property and all of your separate property. If you are married, you and your spouse should both have estate plans.

If you haven't already prepared your list of assets, we offer a free estate planning checklist on our website that will enable you to see what your assets are and will be helpful to you when speaking to a qualified estate planning attorney.

**Download our FREE Estate Planning
Checklist at:**

<http://www.ashmorelaw.com/reports/estate-planning-checklist.cfm>



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BEFORE & AFTER: VOLUNTEERS PAINT THE HALLS OF TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN



Before



After

Lori Ashmore Peters and other Scottish Rite Hospital Volunteers created these amazing paintings along the walls of the hospital.



Before



After

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The **8** MOST COMMON INSURANCE MYTHS

1

If you write the insurance company a letter and are reasonable, you will get a reasonable settlement proposal.

2

When you're in an accident and the insurance company calls to ask for a recorded statement, you must give them a statement or they won't settle with you.

3

All lawyers who advertise that they handle accident cases have the same ability, tools and experience to handle your case.

4

The insurance company for the person who hit you is obligated to pay your medical bills as they become due.

5

All lawyers charge the same fees in injury cases.

6

Juries in Texas are generous.

7

Just because there has been an accident and it wasn't your fault, there must be some insurance company that will pay for your bills, lost wages and injuries.

8

There is a formula for determining settlement value.

Don't believe these common insurance myths!

Making a mistake when it comes to your accident case can jeopardize your rights and benefits to which you are entitled.

Injured In An Accident?

Ask Yourself These 3 Important Questions



1. Do I Need An Attorney?

You definitely do not need an attorney for every small injury case. In fact, our office does not even accept cases where there's little or no property damage and the injuries are minor. Why not? Simple. In the small case, the attorney fee and costs might leave little or nothing for you after your medical bills are paid, and we don't believe that would be fair to you. If your case is small and you would like to try to handle it yourself, with our advice, we may charge a small consulting fee and assist you. This may save you thousands!

2. What Type of Case Do I Have?

A personal injury, car accident or wrongful death case is any type of claim where a person has been injured or killed due to someone else's carelessness. If the only damage in your case is that your car got banged up, then you don't have a personal injury case, you have a property damage case.

3. How Can I Win My Case?

Just because you were hurt doesn't mean you are entitled to money. You must prove that someone else was negligent or careless and that it was their negligence or carelessness which caused your injury. ■

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Skiing



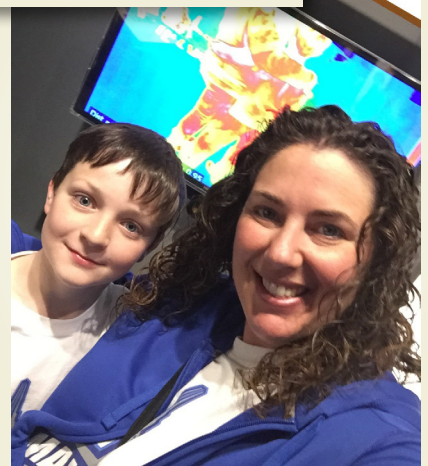
Spring Break



The Perot Museum



St. Patrick's Day



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