

MAKING AN ESTATE PLAN^¾APPLICATIONS

ADVANTAGES OF VARIOUS ESTATE PLANNING TOOLS

There are a lot of estate planning tools available to you. The following table summarizes the benefits provided by some of the more common estate planning techniques. Talk to your estate planning attorney for the details.

Benefit of Planning Tool	No Will	Basic Will	Pour-over Will	Living Trust	AB Trust	QTIP Trust
Selectivity						
Permits you to select the beneficiaries of your estate	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Permits you to select the executor of your will	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Permits you to select the trustees of your trust	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Permits you to select the guardians for your children	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Probate						
Avoids the time-consuming and expensive probate process	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Timing of Distributions						
Permits distribution of assets to children other than simply upon reaching the age of majority (Ex. 1/3 at age 25, 1/3 at age 30, 1/3 at age 35)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Protection						
Prevents conservatorship of estate owner	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Protects assets from creditors	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Estate Taxes						
Assists married couples in reducing estate taxes	No	No	Possibly, if properly	No	Yes	Yes

			designed to save estate taxes			
Allows the first spouse to die to name the ultimate beneficiaries of his/her estate while still permitting the surviving spouse to utilize the assets and while still deferring estate taxes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes