

LIFE & LEGACY



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“It Has Been Such a Good Life” The Legacy Your Loved Ones Need

When Anna Harp lost her father during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, she never got to say goodbye. But as her mother gathered his things from the hospital, she found a small notebook—and inside, a handwritten message from Anna’s dad:

“It has been such a good life.”

Seven words. Simple, but profound. For Anna, it was everything.

As estate planners, we talk a lot about financial legacies. But this story reminds us that the most meaningful gift you can leave behind is not money—it is **clarity, connection, and love.**

Your family wants to know what mattered to you. They need more than documents—they need your voice, your values, your heart.

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When was the last time you updated your estate plan?

Life changes fast—and even something as simple as a new pet, a move, or a shift in your family dynamics could mean your plan needs a tune-up. The last thing you want is for your loved ones to be caught off guard.

Make sure your plan still reflects your life now.

“The most valuable gift we leave behind isn’t what we had. It’s the clarity we gave our family when they needed it most.”

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The Legacy Your Loved Ones Need

When you die without sharing your deeper wishes, your family is left wondering:

- Were you proud of them?
- What would you have done?
- What were your hopes for the future?

That emotional void causes more harm than missing paperwork ever could.

Life & Legacy Planning helps fill that void.

Through personal guidance, legal protection, and tools like a Life & Legacy Recording, you can leave behind a clear roadmap—one filled with love, not guesswork.

You are not just protecting money.
You are protecting peace of mind.



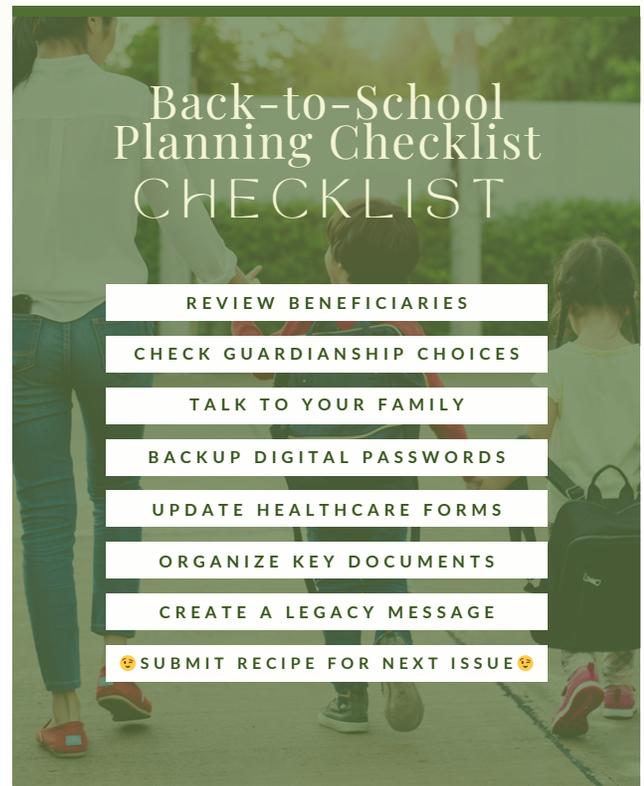
Protect Your Kids. Support Their School.

For the first 3 families who book and attend a Life & Legacy Planning Session in August:

- ✓ \$750 Planning Session Fee WAIVED
 - ✓ \$100 donated to your child's school PTA*
-  Book by August 31 |  Must mention the word **“SECURE”** at the start of your Planning Session

Give your kids the gift of certainty—and your school the support it deserves.

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Back-to-School Planning Checklist
CHECKLIST

- REVIEW BENEFICIARIES
- CHECK GUARDIANSHIP CHOICES
- TALK TO YOUR FAMILY
- BACKUP DIGITAL PASSWORDS
- UPDATE HEALTHCARE FORMS
- ORGANIZE KEY DOCUMENTS
- CREATE A LEGACY MESSAGE
- 👉 SUBMIT RECIPE FOR NEXT ISSUE 👉

As a **Personal Family Lawyer® Firm**, I help you navigate life's transitions while protecting your assets and loved ones. I don't just create estate planning documents—I provide ongoing support to ensure your plan evolves with your life changes and works when you and your loved ones need it most. Through the **Life & Legacy Planning** process, I will help you make informed decisions about your estate, especially during major life transitions.



A Note from Dee

August Reflections and What's Ahead



Well, just like that—summer is winding down. The sunscreen is running low, beach bags are going back into storage, and if you're anything like me, you've already seen your fair share of "back to school means back to sanity" memes. Whether you're sending little ones off with cartoon lunchboxes or waving goodbye to college-bound kids (while pretending not to cry), August marks a shift.

And while we may miss the slower pace of summer, there's something energizing about this season. It feels like a fresh start. A mini New Year, if you will—without the pressure to give up carbs.

At Sibley Law, this time of year reminds us that planning doesn't take a vacation. With just a few months left in 2025 (how did that happen so fast?), now is the time to take stock of your goals—and your gaps. Whether you've had major life changes (like a new home, a new baby, or even a new pet who's clearly the favorite child), or just haven't looked at your estate plan in a while, we're here to help you finish the year with peace of mind.

Here's what we're focusing on as the year wraps up:

- ✓ **Estate Plan Checkups** – If we haven't seen you in a while, let's make sure your documents still reflect your current wishes and the people you trust.
- ✓ **Holiday & Travel Planning** – If you're planning end-of-year travel, don't leave without getting your advance directives and powers of attorney in order. Travel insurance is great, but legal insurance (a.k.a. a solid plan) is better.
- ✓ **Business Owner Year-End Prep** – We'll be helping entrepreneurs and business owners review succession strategies, operating agreements, and tax-efficient planning before the clock strikes December 31.
- ✓ **Workshops & Events** – Keep an eye out for invitations to our fall workshops and webinars—perfect for you and those family members who still think "estate planning" is only for the ultra-wealthy (spoiler: it's not).
- ✓ **Charitable Giving & Legacy Projects** – Want to make a bigger impact this holiday season? Let's talk about ways your estate plan can support your favorite causes now and later.

The last few months of the year tend to fly by in a flurry of decorations, deadlines, and dessert. Let's make sure you head into 2026 feeling prepared, protected, and proud of the legacy you're building.

Wishing you a strong start to the school year, a smooth transition into fall, and maybe even a pumpkin spice moment or two (no judgment either way).

Warmly,

Dee Sibley
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WHAT'S COOKING



Honey-Lime Fruit Salad

Ingredients:

- ✓ 1 cup strawberries, halved
- ✓ 1 cup blueberries
- ✓ 1 cup pineapple chunks
- ✓ 1 cup green grapes, halved
- ✓ 1 cup watermelon, cubed
- ✓ Juice of 1 lime
- ✓ 1 tsp lime zest
- ✓ Optional: chopped fresh mint

Instructions:

In a large bowl, combine all fruit.

In a small bowl, whisk together honey, lime juice, and zest.

Drizzle dressing over fruit and toss gently.

Chill before serving. Garnish with mint if desired.

Black Business Spotlight

Did you Know? August is Black Owned Business Month. There are over 3.2 million Black-owned businesses in the U.S.—one of the fastest-growing segments of entrepreneurship.

But nearly 8 in 10 lack access to capital, mentorship, or succession planning.

That's where estate planning comes in. At Sibley Law, we help protect what our community builds—because legal planning is legacy work.

Want to support Black-owned businesses near you? Check out directories like supportblackowned.com or shoppeblack.us



Build Generational Wealth. Support Local Power

August is Black-Owned Business Month—and we are celebrating by helping families protect their future while uplifting the businesses that make our communities stronger.

This month, for the first **3 families** who book and attend a Life & Legacy Planning Session:

- ✓ \$750 Planning Session Fee WAIVED
- ✓ **\$100 Gift Card** to Your Favorite Black-Owned Business*
- 📅 **Book** by August 31 | 🗣️ Must mention the word "**LEGACY**" at the start of your Planning Session

Your Life & Legacy Planning Session will help you:

- Protect your family and business from lawsuits and probate
- Choose the right successors for what you've built
- Minimize taxes to preserve wealth across generations
- Uplift your community while securing your legacy
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Empower your future. Invest in your community.

Schedule Now or call **(321) 844-8694**.

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EVENT

ESTATE PLANNING ESSENTIALS



Tuesday
August 12, 2025



Start: 6:00 pm
End: 7:15 pm



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2400 Town Center Ave.
Melbourne, FL 32940

REGISTER NOW

ESTATE PLANNING ESSENTIALS

Learn how to protect your loved ones, avoid probate and make informed legal decisions in Florida.

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6:00PM - 7:15PM

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What You'll Learn at the Seminar

- How to keep your family out of court and conflict
- The truth about wills vs. trusts
- How to name guardians for your kids the right way
- The simple first steps to start your plan

No pressure, no legal jargon—just real answers in under 90 minutes.

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