

LIFE & LEGACY



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Do your loved ones know who to call if something happens to you?

“THE GREATEST LEGACY WE CAN LEAVE OUR CHILDREN IS NOT MONEY OR THINGS, BUT MEMORIES AND PEACE OF MIND.”

WHAT'S YOUR LEGACY?

The Greatest Gift You Can Give Your Loved Ones This Holiday Season

As the holiday season approaches, it's natural to think about giving. But the most meaningful gift isn't something you can wrap — it's the peace of knowing your family is protected.

At Sibley Law, we believe estate planning is about people, not just paperwork. It's about making sure your loved ones are cared for, your wishes are honored, and your legacy is preserved — without court delays, confusion, or unnecessary stress.

Whether you're updating an old plan or just getting started, now is the perfect time to take that next step.

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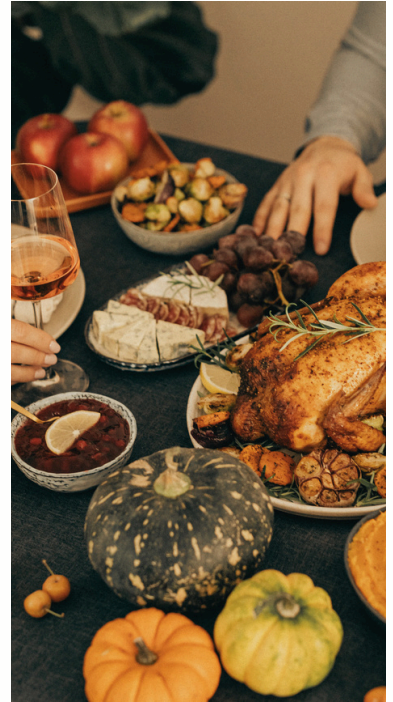
As we enter the month of November, gratitude naturally fills the air. The cooler breeze, the anticipation of Thanksgiving gatherings, and the season's focus on family remind us of how blessed we are. This year, as we prepare our tables and our hearts, let's take a moment to reflect not only on what we're thankful for—but also on what it means to be prepared, to care for one another, and to stand in solidarity with those in need.

🙏 **Lifting Up Jamaica and Our Neighbors**

While Florida was spared the devastation of the recent hurricane, our Caribbean neighbors—especially the people of Jamaica—were not as fortunate. Many families are rebuilding their homes, restoring their communities, and finding strength amid tremendous loss. Let us lift them up in prayer and support as they work toward recovery. Moments like these remind us of how quickly life can change, and how vital it is to prepare for what we can, even when we can't predict what's to come.

🌀 **The Importance of Having a Plan**

Emergencies don't always announce themselves. A sudden storm, a power outage, or even an unexpected illness can disrupt our daily lives and threaten our family's security. The best gift we can give our loved ones is clarity and preparedness—so they know what to do, where to go, and how to manage if we're unable to lead the way.



♥ **A SEASON FOR GRATITUDE AND PREPAREDNESS**

This Thanksgiving, as you express gratitude for your family, your health, and your home, take the next step toward protecting them. Preparation doesn't take away the uncertainty of life—but it does bring peace, clarity, and strength when challenges arise.

From all of us at Sibley Law & Associates, we wish you a safe, blessed, and thankful Thanksgiving. May your homes be filled with love, laughter, and the comfort that comes from knowing you're prepared for whatever may come.



4 Ways to Strengthen Your Family's Emergency & Legacy Plan

Estate planning isn't just a one-time event — it's a mindset.

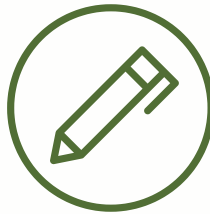
Estate planning isn't just about having documents in place. It's about making sure the people you love are supported with clarity, care, and confidence — no matter what life brings.

Below are 4 simple but powerful steps you can take right now to start protecting your family and your legacy. Each one helps you avoid stress, conflict, and costly court delays... and replaces them with peace of mind.

Start here. Start now. And give your loved ones the security they deserve.

1. Create a Family Emergency Plan

- Identify safe meeting locations—one inside your neighborhood and one outside your immediate area.
- Keep emergency contact information updated and shared with all family members.
- Prepare a small “go-bag” with essentials: medication, copies of IDs, flashlights, bottled water, non-perishable food, first aid supplies, and cash.



2. Organize Important Documents



- Secure vital records like **birth certificates, insurance policies, wills, and trust documents** in a waterproof, fireproof container or digital vault.
- Consider creating a Legacy Binder that includes copies of your estate plan, power of attorney, health care directives, and key contact information.

3. Review Your Estate Plan Annually

If your life has changed this year—a **new grandchild**, a **home purchase**, a **move**, or even the **loss of a loved one**—your plan should change too. The holidays are a perfect time to pause and review your estate planning documents to ensure they still reflect your goals and your family's needs.



4. Communicate Your Plan



Emergency or legacy plans are **only effective when shared**. Have open, loving conversations with your family about your wishes. Let them know who to contact and what steps to take if something happens. These conversations bring peace of mind, not discomfort—because they come from a place of care and responsibility.

Q & A

QUESTION:

Is the holiday season really a good time to start estate planning?

—*Pondering Parent*

ANSWER:

Dear Pondering:

Absolutely — and not just because it fits the calendar.

The holidays bring families together in a way no other season does. Emotions are closer to the surface, conversations go deeper, and for many, it's a time to reflect on what matters most: family, legacy, and peace of mind.

Estate planning isn't just about documents — it's about protecting your loved ones when they need it most. And truthfully, planning is always easier when things are calm. Waiting until a crisis hits makes it harder, more expensive, and often more emotionally draining for everyone involved.

So yes, this season — when you're already thinking about your family — is a perfect time to take that first step.

Whether you're ready to begin or simply gathering information, we're here to guide you with clarity and compassion.

Warmly,

Dedra Sibley, Esq.
Your Personal Family Lawyer®

? Have a question you'd like answered in a future newsletter?

Send us an email with your question and pseudonym (or let us choose one!) to:
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We may feature it in an upcoming issue!



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WHAT'S COOKING



Savory Mashed Sweet Potato

Ingredients:

- ✓ 4 large sweet potatoes, cubed
- ✓ ¼ cup butter
- ✓ ¼ cup cream or milk
- ✓ 2 tbsp maple syrup
- ✓ 1 tsp cinnamon
- ✓ ½ tsp salt
- ✓ ¼ tsp black pepper

Instructions:

- Boil peeled sweet potatoes in salted water until fork-tender (about 15-20 min)
- Drain and return to pot.
- Add butter, cream, maple syrup, cinnamon, salt, and pepper.
- Mash until smooth and creamy.
- Taste and adjust seasoning if needed.
- Serve warm with a drizzle of extra butter or maple syrup.

🦃 My Thanksgiving Gift to You

This season, give your loved ones more than turkey and thanks — give them peace of mind.

For the first **3** people who schedule a **Life & Legacy Planning® Session this November**, I'm donating **\$100** to a local food bank in your name. Plus, I'll waive the standard **\$750** planning fee. That's a total gift of **\$850**, but to your loved ones, it's priceless!

During your Planning Session, you'll:

- Ensure your family can access resources immediately without court delays
- Choose the right people to handle your finances and care for your children
- Protect your assets from taxes, creditors, and family conflicts
- Create a plan that works as hard as you do

This **\$850** gift is only available to the first **3** people who schedule this month, so act now! Call **(321) 844-8694** to book a session or click below and get started today!

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IN ALL
Things
GIVE
Thanks

Join Sibley Law & Associates in making it a Joyous Christmas for Families in Need

To celebrate the season and support our community, we're inviting all **current, past, and future** clients to join us for a special **Holiday Childhood Gift Donation**.

✨ Bring a **new, unwrapped gift to our office to put under the Christmas Tree**. We will donate all collected toys to a local nonprofit organization serving children in need during this Christmas, gift-giving season!

As a special thank you from **US** to **YOU** — you can take a professional holiday photo with our photographer at our office on **December, 5, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM**, in time to make your personalized holiday cards to send out.

We'll be capturing warm family moments while helping brighten the holidays for children who need it most.

Look for more details on our website this month.



Don't Miss Our Upcoming Events!

Call (321) 844-8694 or visit our website to attend one of our pre-scheduled events, or to inquire about a personal presentation for your group.

➡ Click below to view full details and register for this specific event.



Nov 19



Nov 5



Dec 2

NOVEMBER

19

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

WEBINAR

Protect Your Family During the Holidays

Join us for a special midday seminar — a convenient way to fit important planning into your schedule. Details about lunch will be shared soon.

REGISTER NOW

Seminar

NOVEMBER

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📍 Rockledge Police Department

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Avoiding Costly Mistakes Families Make

Discover how to avoid the most common planning mistakes Florida families make — from guardianship gaps to probate pitfalls. Learn how to take simple steps now to protect your loved ones from conflict, delay, and uncertainty later.

REGISTER NOW

DECEMBER

02

Seminar

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

📍 Fairfield Inn & Suites | Viera

End-of-Year Planning for Families

Cap off the year with clarity. We'll break down wills vs. trusts in plain English, show you how to avoid probate, and help you update your documents and decision-makers before the year ends.

🎁 **Bonus:** Attendees receive a free planning checklist to help you take action with confidence.

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