**LANE & BURKE CO., L.P.A.**

**ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHEET**

**(Married)**

The information requested on this worksheet may seem like *none of an attorney’s business,* but it is very important that an estate planning attorney understands your present situation and your wishes for the future. This information enables us to plan the estate to accomplish future goals and to save on taxes and administrative expenses.

If you are married and all information on this worksheet is identical for you and your spouse, complete only one worksheet. If information for each spouse differs, make a copy of this worksheet so each spouse has a separate one.

For those of you who are single, we apologize for phrasing everything based on husband and wife. This is for simplicity of the form only. To complete this worksheet, please fill in the wife’s blanks if you are female and the husband’s blanks if you are male.

Estate planning is very important for singles as well as couples. Plan of distribution for singles is not obvious and most or all assets will be probated since joint tenancy with a spouse is not an available method of avoiding probate.

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**HUSBAND:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*Date of Birth* *Social Security Number*

**WIFE:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*County* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *E-mail* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: □ Married □ Divorced

□ Separated □ Single (including widowed and not remarried)

What is your primary motivation for considering estate planning? (*Select one or more)*

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| □ Probate Avoidance  □ Guardianship for Minor Children  □ Business or Farm Planning  □ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | □ Federal Estate Tax planning  (For estates approaching the $1,000,000 range – Although tax credits increase incrementally allowing for transfer of up to 1,000,000, estates approaching $1,000,000 should be analyzed for federal estate tax planning options since inflation, growth and other factors may create tax issues in these estates.) | | |
| **TYPE OF ASSET**  **(Include account number and**  **where held)** | **TITLE IN WHICH HELD**  **(Husband sole; Wife sole; Joint with spouse; Joint with third party; or Tenants in common, etc.)** | | **CURRENT VALUE** | |
| Checking Accounts |  | |  | |
| Savings Accounts |  | |  | |
| Certificates of Deposit |  | |  | |
| Automobiles |  | |  | |
| Other Personal Property |  | |  | |
| Annuities | Owner | Beneficiary | Current Value | |
| IRA’s |  |  |  | |
| Pension/Profit Sharing |  |  |  | |
| Life Insurance |  |  | Cash Value | Death Benefit |
| Other Assets |  | |  | |
| LIABILITIES | Name Loan Taken In:  (Husband, Wife, Joint, Other) | | Amount Owed | |
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**CHILDREN OR OTHER BENEFICIARIES**

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| **NAME** | **ADDRESS** | **DATE OF BIRTH** | **TELEPHONE** | **RELATIONSHIP** |
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**GIFT TAX RETURNS**

Have gift tax returns ever been filed to report gifts made? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\* If YES, please bring copies of the returns to your appointment.

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE.** The will should name a personal representative to probate the estate. (Personal representative is also sometimes referred to as executor or administrator.) Most people name their spouse as primary personal representative, with a child, relative, friend, or corporate trustee as alternate.

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. **SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE.** If you choose to avoid probate of your estate by executing a living trust during lifetime, a successor trustee should be named. The successor trustee would be responsible for managing assets if you, or in the case of a joint trust, neither you nor your spouse, could not manage assets due to incompetency. The successor trustee would distribute assets to beneficiaries after death, or in a joint trust, when neither you nor your spouse survive.

**SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**3.** **HEALTH CARE AGENT.** Who should be named to make medical decisions on your behalf including decisions regarding medical consents, life support issues and nursing home admission if you were unable to make these decisions yourself? (Typically, the primary agent is the spouse.) It is not necessary to appoint the same person who is your successor trustee or personal representative as your health care agent(s).

**HEALTH CARE AGENT:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How soon would you like to complete planning? Is there a specific deadline, such as an upcoming trip, surgery, etc? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Husband**  **Wife**

Do you presently have a will? □ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No

Do you presently have a trust? □ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No

Are you interested in avoiding probate of your estate? □ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No

Were there any previous marriages? □ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No

Are any of your children not from your current marriage? □ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No

Do any of your children or other beneficiaries have disabilities? □ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No

Do you own a farm or business? □ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No

If yes, do any of your children work in the business with you? □ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No

If yes, does the child working in the business have an □ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No

ownership interest in the business?

Are you a U.S. citizen? □ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No

Have you entered into any agreements with your spouse □ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No

(such as pre-nuptial or community property agreement)?

Are there any serious health problems? □ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No

If yes, please describe briefly: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Do you own a long-term care (nursing home) insurance policy? □ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No

Do you hold everything jointly with your spouse, or is some □ All Joint (except □ Some separate

Property separate? IRA’s, pensions, etc.)

NET WORTH: If you added the value of all property owned by yourself and your spouse including real estate, personal property, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, IRAs, and anything else you own except death benefits on life insurance, what is the approximate total value of the estate of yourself and your spouse?

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What is the value of death benefits on life insurance? Husband \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Wife \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is the total amount of your outstanding liabilities? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**INCOME/ASSET/LIABILITY INFORMATION**

Please list your income/asset/liability information in the appropriate category below.

Attach a separate page if necessary.

**Husband** **Community/Joint** **Wife**

**INCOME:**

Earned Monthly Income from Labor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Social Security Income \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Pension Income \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other Monthly Income \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **TYPE OF ASSET** | **TITLE IN WHICH HELD**  **(Husband sole; Wife sole; Joint with spouse; Joint with third party; or Tenants in common, etc.)** | **TYPE OF PROPERTY**  **(Residential, Commercial, Manufacturing, Agricultural)** | **CURRENT VALUE** |
| **REAL ESTATE** | | | |
| Personal Residence |  |  |  |
| Vacant Land |  |  |  |
| Other: |  |  |  |
| **LIQUID ASSETS**  (Include account number and where held) | | | |
| Cash on Hand |  |  |  |
| Government and Publicly Traded Securities |  |  |  |
| Unlisted Securities (Not Publicly Traded) |  |  |  |
| Money Market Accounts |  |  |  |
| Equity in Business  □ Sole Prop. □ Partnership |  |  |  |
| Notes and Loans Receivable |  |  |  |

**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

1. **SPECIFIC GIFTS.** Do you want to make charitable gifts, such as to a church or other institution? Do you wish to make a special gift to a particular person, such as a piece of jewelry to a particular child?

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**2.** Briefly describe where you would want assets remaining after any specific gifts are distributed. (Don’t worry about tax planning or other considerations in answering this question. We’ll consider those details later if needed.)

□ All to spouse; then equally between children, and if a child didn’t survive, the deceased child’s

children would take the share of the deceased child.

□ All to spouse; then equally between surviving children.

□ All to spouse, then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**3.** **ULTIMATE DISTRIBUTION.** You might want to provide for the distribution of your property if neither you, your spouse or your children or other beneficiaries named above survive.

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**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF**

**YOU HAVE MINOR BENEFICIARIES OR BENEFICIARIES WITH DISABILITIES**

1. **GUARDIAN.** If you have minor children or an incompetent child, you will need to appoint a guardian. The guardian is responsible for the day-to-day care of the child. It is a good idea to name an alternate guardian in the event your first choice cannot serve.

**GUARDIAN:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. **TESTAMENTARY TRUSTEE.** You may need a trustee to manage assets for children until they reach an age when you believe they should be capable of managing property on their own. A trustee can keep the children’s money invested wisely and use it for their education, support, etc., until they reach the age specified for outright distribution of assets to them. The trustee can be a relative, friend, trust company or other person you trust to manage and distribute assets according to your wishes. The testamentary trustee can be the same person named as the guardian, or could be a different person.

**TESTAMENTARY TRUSTEE:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ALTERNATE:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **AGE OF DISTRIBUTION.** If you do establish a trust to allow a third party to manage assets for beneficiaries, then it is necessary for you to decide when the beneficiaries will be mature enough to manage assets on their own. You may want to give each beneficiary his/her share at the time the beneficiary reaches a particular age. You may consider splitting the distribution, such as 1/2 at age 25 and the balance at age 30, or 1/3 at 21, 1/3 at 25, and 1/3 at 35. You may use any age or combination of ages that you choose.

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**GENERAL QUESTIONS**

**NOTES AND QUESTIONS:** Please note anything else which may be of importance in planning your estate, or note any questions you may have.