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JUPITER LAW CENTER is a neighborhood law firm with a rich history of helping clients in the Jupiter/Tequesta area since 1988. Adam Gumson, principal attorney, is well versed in many categories of law with an emphasis on *Estate and Business Planning, Family Law and Real Estate*. Adam and his team prefer to minimize the amount of time – and cost – associated with legal matters for your benefit. But don't let that fool you. The experienced and empathetic team are fierce advocates for your best interests. You don't have to, **and shouldn't**, go it alone. JUPITER LAW CENTER can help with all your legal needs.

DID YOU KNOW...

JUPITER LAW CENTER has taught **LAW FOR THE LAYMAN** at Jupiter Community High School's Adult Division for 20+ years. It's a **FREE** six (6) week series highlighting some of the practical everyday aspects of the law as well as current legal events. The next series commences on January 22, 2018. You can call Jupiter Community High School at (561) 744 – 7931 to register or obtain more information. It's a fun and informative series – hope to see you there!



IS ESTATE PLANNING ONE OF YOUR RESOLUTIONS? IT SHOULD BE!

It can be difficult to think about your own incapacity or mortality, especially when you are young and full of life. But, you've been putting it off forever and in the back of your mind you know that having an **Estate Plan** will make life easier for your family and loved ones should an accident or medical emergency occur. Many people put off even making an appointment because they think that they have to complete a huge "To Do" list before they meet with me, but you actually already know most of the answers to my questions. In case you are still sitting on the fence, you just have to do the following homework before your first appointment:



"Sure, your finances are in order should you die, but what about your social media accounts?"

Create a Chart of Assets/Liabilities. If you've already created a list of your assets and liabilities with a rough estimate of values, good for you – you're way ahead. If not, start to jot down information about your real estate holdings, cars, bank accounts, 401ks, IRAs, business interests and life insurance policies as well as miscellaneous other information about some of your tangible personal property (furnishings, jewelry, etc.). Once you make the list, it's easy to maintain and will save your family from having to go on a time-consuming scavenger hunt to verify your holdings.

Who's In Charge When You're Not? Before you ever show up at my office, you should be thinking about who you want to name as Attorney-in-Fact under your *Durable Power of Attorney* and *Health Care Surrogate* and/or *Personal Representative/Successor Trustee* of your *Estate*. These designees shall be tasked with making legal and medical decisions on your behalf should you become incapacitated and/or gathering your assets, discharging your liabilities and carrying out your desires when you die. These decisions can be emotional and complicated, so you should think long and hard about whom to name as well as a contingent person to take over if your first choice is unavailable.

Guardianship. If you have minor or disabled children, you'll need to appoint someone to care for them and manage their funds when you can no longer do so. You can appoint one *Guardian* to handle both duties or choose one as *Guardian of the Person* (re: daily caregiving of your children) and another as *Guardian of the Property* (re: managing their finances). These are important decisions that should be weighed carefully, over time.

Name Names. Include the names, addresses, and marital status of your children and other beneficiaries. It will make it so much easier to handle future situations if/when you are incapacitated or die. If you have specific items of personal property you want to leave to certain beneficiaries, you should make a list of those items to ensure that they go to your intended recipients.

With a little thoughtful New Year prep, you can be ready for 2018 and beyond knowing your *Estate Planning* is finally complete. JUPITER LAW CENTER can help make this resolution one you keep – call us to schedule an appointment, create or revise your *Estate Planning* documents, or to ask us any questions you may have about this topic.

Attorney Adam S. Gumson of **JUPITER LAW CENTER** graduated from *Duke University (1988)* and the *University of Florida College of Law (with Honors)*. In addition to preparing and reviewing Contracts, he primarily handles matters involving *Estate and Business Planning* (including *Wills, Trusts, Durable Powers of Attorney, Health Care Surrogates, Living Wills, Succession Planning, Contracts & Purchase/Sale Agreements*), *Probate Estates*, *Family Law (Divorce, Custody, Alimony, Timesharing, Same-Sex relationships, Pre/Postnuptial Agreements, Modification actions and Collaborative Law)* and *Real Estate (Community Association, Residential/ Commercial Transactions, Deeds, Closings)*. He is married and resides in Jupiter with his wife and three children.

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