



2014

Happy New Year!



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FAMILY LAW

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ESTATE PLANNING

Wills • Trusts • Powers of Attorney • Health Care Surrogates • Living Wills • Probate Estates

JUPITER LAW CENTER was founded in 1988 and, over the years, has handled a wide variety of legal matters, including Family Law, Estate Planning, Real Estate, Personal Injury, Contracts, Corporations, Immigration Litigation and Criminal Law. In 2008, the firm relocated from Chasewood Plaza to Jupiter Creek Professional Center (behind Quarterdeck Restaurant) and shifted its focus to handling primarily Family Law and Estate Planning matters. One focus that has not changed, however, is the firm's commitment to being accessible and giving solid, practical legal advice with a personal touch.

LAW FOR THE LAYMAN:

JUPITER LAW CENTER has taught the **LAW FOR THE LAYMAN** Everyday Information You Should Know course 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 of classes commences on January 27, 2014. You can call Jupiter Community High School at (561) 744 – 7931 to register or to obtain more information. It's generally a fun and informative evening - hope to see you there!



WHAT IS ESTATE PLANNING And Why Do I Need To Do It?

Estate Planning is the generic term used to describe the legal documents you execute to provide for your beneficiaries in the event you are incapacitated or die. It includes documents governing what would happen if you took sick or were in an accident but were unable to then-attend to your own needs (*Durable Power of Attorney for financial issues and Health Care Surrogate for medical issues*), if you were in situation where death was imminent but you were then-unable to communicate your end of life wishes to your physician (Living Will), or following your death where your assets are to be distributed in a certain fashion to your beneficiaries (*Last Will & Testament or Living Revocable Trust*).



"And to my teenage grandchildren, I leave you my unused text data and phone minutes."

When I tell people I handle Estate Planning, most say the same thing to me: "I need to do that." It seems to be one of those verboten topics which people want to avoid discussing, almost as if they think that if they discuss or plan for it, they are ensuring that something bad will happen. But, ask yourself this question: Do you refuse to maintain health, auto or life insurance because you think that if you have such coverage that you are inviting a health issue or automobile accident? Of course not!

Any adult, regardless of the balance of his/her checkbook, should have a *Durable Power of Attorney, Health Care Surrogate and a Living Will*. Those of you with assets, children, grandchildren or beneficiaries who are not blood-related (including same-sex couples) should consider making a Will and/or a Trust to protect their assets and beneficiaries.

So, if your Estate Planning house is not in order and one of your New Year's resolutions is to stop procrastinating about it, feel free to call us for a FREE consultation to discuss your needs.

Attorney Adam S. Gumson of **JUPITER LAW CENTER** graduated from Duke University and University of Florida College of Law (with Honors). In addition to preparing and reviewing Contracts, he primarily handles matters involving Family Law (including Divorce, Paternity, Alimony, Child Support and Timesharing, Property Distribution and Modifications), Estate Planning (including Wills, Trusts, Durable Powers of Attorney, Health Care Surrogates and Living Wills) and Probate Estates. He is married and resides in Jupiter with his wife and three children.

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