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YOUR WILL, YOUR WAY: A NEW YORK GUIDE TO ESTATE PLANNING

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PROTECTING YOUR LOVED ONES STARTS NOW

Many adults put off creating a will, often assuming it's something only the elderly or wealthy need. In reality, having a legally valid will is one of the most important steps you can take to protect your loved ones, no matter your age or income. Without a will, New York State decides how your assets are distributed, often in ways that may not align with your wishes. This white paper outlines the key reasons every adult should have a will, how New York's intestacy laws work, and what can happen when no estate plan is in place.

Whether you're starting a family, buying a home, or simply want to ensure your assets are handled properly, this guide provides a clear introduction to wills and why they matter. By understanding your options and taking action now, you can take control of your legacy, ease the burden on your family, and gain peace of mind for the future.

SMART SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR ESTATE

-Create a legally valid will tailored to your personal circumstances

Work with an experienced estate planning attorney to ensure your will reflects your wishes and meets New York's legal requirements.

-Name guardians for minor children and dependents

A will allows you to designate trusted individuals to care for your children, rather than leaving that decision up to the courts.

-Choose an executor you trust

Appoint someone to manage your estate, pay outstanding debts, and distribute your assets according to your instructions.

-Avoid unnecessary stress and legal costs for your loved ones

A clear, enforceable will streamlines the probate process and prevents confusion, conflict, or delays during an already difficult time.

NEXT STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR LEGACY

The good news is that creating a will doesn't have to be complicated or time-consuming. With the right legal guidance, you can take meaningful steps to protect your family, your assets, and your future. The following key actions form the foundation of a solid estate plan and help ensure that your wishes are carried out clearly and legally:

- Raise awareness about the legal and financial consequences of dying without a will in New York.
- Educate readers on the basic components of a will and the peace of mind it provides for individuals and families.
- Encourage proactive planning to reduce future stress, family conflict, and unnecessary legal expenses.
- Guide individuals toward taking the first step by consulting with an experienced estate planning attorney.

THE RESOURCES

New York State Unified Court System – Surrogate's Court Information
Learn more about how wills are processed and probated in New York:
<https://nycourts.gov/CourtHelp/WhenSomeoneDies/index.shtml>

Thomas J. Manzi Law – Estate Planning Services
Explore services, FAQs, and insights on creating a will and other planning tools:
<https://thomasjmanzilaw.com/estate-planning/>

New York State Bar Association – Planning Ahead Guide
A comprehensive document that outlines what documents and information are helpful in estate planning:
<https://nysba.org/app/uploads/2020/03/Planning-Ahead-Guide-2020.pdf>

ABOUT THE COMPANY

Thomas J. Manzi Law is a trusted Long Island law firm focused on helping individuals and families protect what matters most. With a client-centered approach, the firm provides clear, compassionate guidance in estate planning, real estate transactions, and probate matters. Attorney Thomas Manzi understands that planning for the future can feel overwhelming, especially when it comes to creating a will or managing a loved one's estate. That's why he works closely with each client to ensure their legal documents reflect their wishes and provide lasting peace of mind.

Serving clients throughout Suffolk and Nassau Counties, Thomas J. Manzi Law is committed to making the legal process straightforward, informative, and approachable, no legal jargon, just practical solutions tailored to your life.

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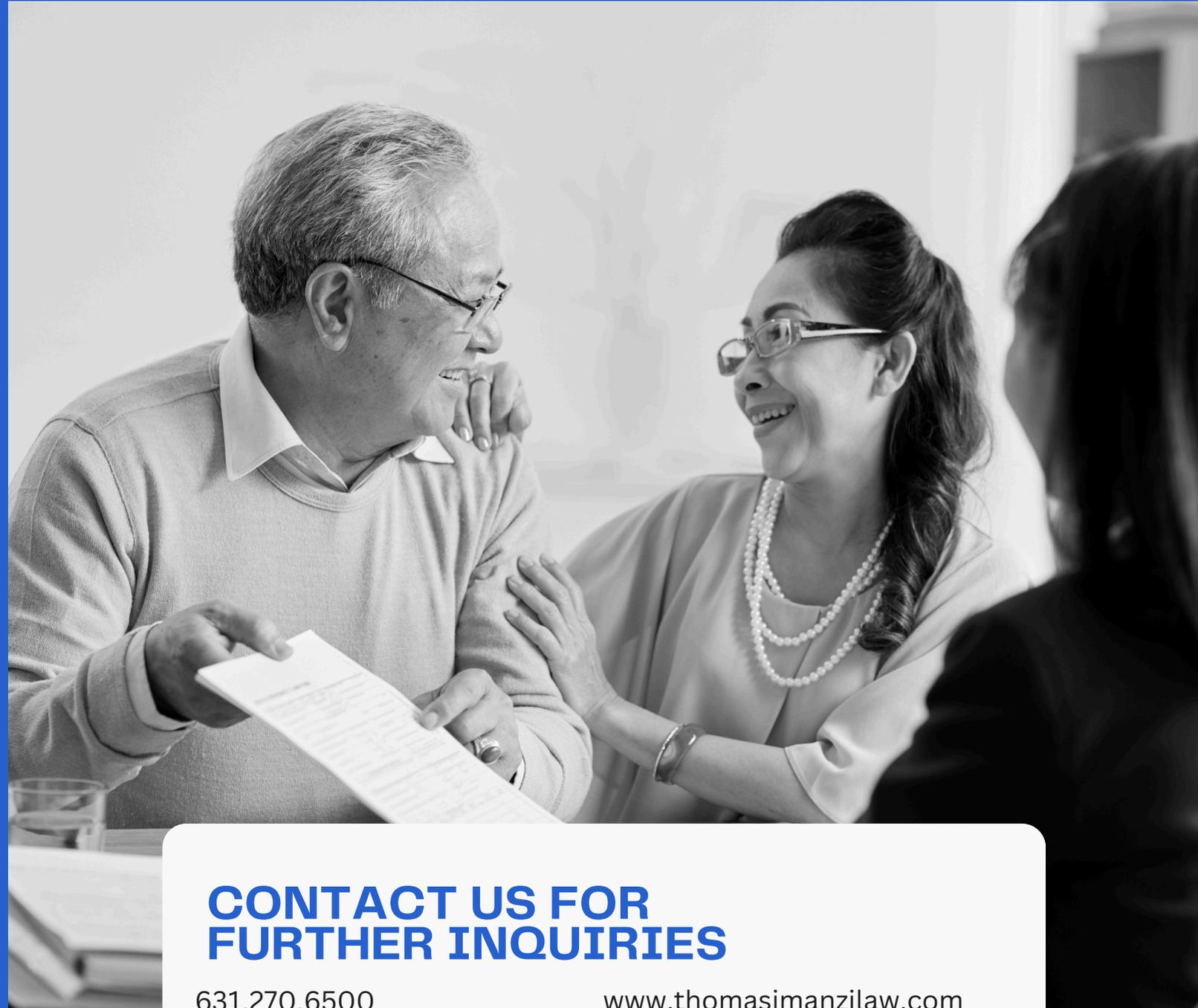
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