

Find the will to get your estate in order

It's easy to put off thoughts about end-of-life issues, but early planning and care can make life easier for loved ones who are left behind, according to a local Estate Planning Attorney.

Michael Rutkowski owner of the Rutkowski Law Firm, states his Firm and Legal Team, handles legal issues pertaining to Estate Planning, Probate, and Elder Law. In addition, the Law Firm also handles a wide variety of issues related to Civil Litigation, Real Estate, Children's Rights, Business, Corporate, and Employment Law.

Rutkowski said he particularly does a good amount of public speaking about Estate Planning, and he frequently points out the pitfalls of neglecting to make arrangements before it's too late.

"The biggest problem is, is that people aren't planning," he said. "The number one thing we see, is that more than half the population out there is not planning, and what happens is if you don't plan, it is so difficult on the family emotionally and financially. Not only is it expensive, but it's time-consuming because they have to go through probate court."

Rutkowski said his Firm does comprehensive Estate Planning, which consists of every document needed for

a family or individual to have full protection both while alive, incapacitated, or after you are gone. Some common misconceptions about Estate Planning include wrongly assuming that a will avoids probate court, or assuming that a spouse automatically gets everything even without Estate Planning, he said.



Rutkowski said people should begin thinking about Estate Planning as soon as they have kids. "This is absolutely important when you start to build a family because you need to make a decision as to who will be the parents of your kids if you pass away before your time," he said. "So we work with a wide range of clientele from kids going off to college, young professionals with growing families, divorced single parents, to retired

elderly adults looking to just make those financial decisions."

Anyone who has more questions about these issues is encouraged to make a free consultation with the Rutkowski Law Firm. The Firm has offices located at 1000 W. University Drive, Suite 150, in Rochester and at 40950 Woodward Ave., Suite 360, in Bloomfield Hills. Find out more by visiting www.rutkowskilawfirm.com or by calling (248) 792-9193.

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