

# Estate planning legal assistance.

One of the many benefits within your legal plan.



## There are several components to an estate plan that are covered with your legal plan:

**Will:** This most basic estate planning document, ensures that your property will be distributed as intended, and your family will be cared for exactly as you wish. Without a will, the courts may decide how your property is distributed.

**Living Trust:** A living trust allows you to distribute your assets and property while you are still alive and may reduce the amount of taxes you may have to pay.

**Living Will:** This document specifies the types of medical treatments you want in the event that you become unable to express those wishes directly. A living will ensures that you get the medical care you want, and protects your loved ones from making difficult medical or end-of-life decisions on your behalf.

**Durable Power of Attorney:** This document allows you to designate someone to make decisions on your behalf in the event you become incapacitated.

**Probate Avoidance Documents:** Keep your home out of the probate process and have it pass directly to the beneficiaries of your choosing with either a transfer on death deed or revocable living trust, depending on your state.



## The cost savings

Example of covered services	Without a legal plan	With a legal plan
Wills (employee & spouse)	\$782	\$0 out of pocket
Living trust	\$1,955	\$0 out of pocket
Living will	\$391	\$0 out of pocket
Durable power of attorney	\$391	\$0 out of pocket
Total cost	<b>\$3,519<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$240 per year<sup>2</sup></b>

**Potential savings**

**\$3,279**

## Consider this scenario:<sup>4</sup>

*My spouse and I decided it was time to do our estate planning. Our attorney in San Francisco made the process easy. He listened to us, what we wanted and made great recommendations on how we can best plan for the future. He explained in simple language all the documents that we were signing.*

**70%**

Seventy percent of Americans don't have a will<sup>1</sup>



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1. CARAVAN survey conducted by ENGINE on behalf of MetLife Legal Plans, January 2020
2. Prices based on the average amount of hours it would take, using the average hourly rate of \$391.00 based on years of legal experience, National Law Journal and ALM Legal Intelligence, Survey of Law Firm Economics (2021).
3. Cost may vary. This cost is based on an average monthly rate for MetLife Legal Plans of \$20.
4. This testimonial is for illustrative purposes only.

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