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OUR PROCEDURES FOR DOCUMENT SIGNING DURING CORONAVIRUS SOCIAL DISTANCING

With Covid-19 more and more people are calling concerned about their estate plans. They want to make sure all the proper things are in place. We at HKH Elder Law are adjusting our office and services to meet this growing need.

Before Covid-19, we had already been conducting many consultations via phone, especially with those who were long distance. Because of Covid-19 we have now moved all of our client consultations to phone or video conferencing. We've found that phones work well, and video conferencing works even better! It is as though you were in the room with us! The main tool we use is Zoom, though we also have the ability to use Facetime. Our staff will be happy to walk our clients through using these tools.

For clients who need to execute documents with us, we have re-designed our estate planning document execution process. **Our office has started a new "Drive-In" signing procedure that takes place in our parking lot.**

The goal of our "Drive-In" signing is to protect all people involved: to prevent our clients from coming into direct contact with us and us with them, in compliance with the social distancing guidelines that have been laid out for us by the CDC and our leaders.

- After meeting with our client (you) via phone or video, we will draft appropriate documents.
- Once drafting is completed, we will offer a follow-up telephone or video meeting in order to review and discuss the documents, answer questions, and make any changes requested.
- On the day you come to sign we will have a signing table set up outside in the open air with the estate planning documents ready and waiting.
- You will exit your vehicle and sign your documents on the lines that are clearly tabbed.
- The attorney, notary and witnesses will be standing a safe distance away, but close enough to witness the client signing the documents. Once you have finished signing, you will return to your vehicle to observe and witness the signing of your documents. At that time, the attorney, notary, and witnesses will individually (one at a time) approach the table to sign and finish the execution of the documents.



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- In an abundance of caution, our team members will be wearing homemade masks (so as not to take much needed medical grade ones from Medical personnel and first responders) as a protective measure for you.
- When the execution process has been completed, we will take the documents inside for processing, and return your originals and set of copies to you before you leave.

Please note that this “Drive-In” signing is strictly to execute the documents and there will not be an opportunity to review these documents with the attorney during this time. Therefore, **if you have any questions, please let us know at your earliest convenience so we can get you scheduled for a telephone call** to review the documents and address your questions/concerns before the signing appointment.

We are looking forward to the day that we no longer need to practice social distancing recommended by the CDC. In the meantime, we will use this process to make sure your legal needs are met.

We look forward to hearing from you! Please reach out to us via telephone to schedule your appointment. Stay safe and healthy!