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Consumers Beware: 3 Billion Social Security Numbers Hacked



An estimated 2.9 billion individuals have had their personal information stolen and compromised, including Social Security Numbers and mailing addresses.

Earlier in August 2024, a lawsuit was filed by a California resident,

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LIVING TRUST SEMINARS

For those who don't yet have a Trust, but also those who have one and may need to review and update it! Both the public and our existing clients are invited - - and please bring your family or friends!

NOTE: All of our seminars listed below are now being held in-person. If you, or someone you know, would like to attend a seminar, but cannot attend a live one, please [send us an e-mail](#) so we can explore other options.

(Also note: We may provide services to anyone residing in California without them having to travel to our offices.)

IN-PERSON LIVING TRUST SEMINARS

WEDNESDAY October 9th

9:30am - 11:30am
Torrance Main Office
990 W. 190th Street
Suite 500 (5th Floor)
Extremely Limited Capacity

REGISTER

SATURDAY October 19th

9:30am - 11:30am
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Christopher Hoffman, that stated a cybercriminal group posted a database on the dark web and was up for sale for \$3.5 million. Hoffman was notified about this breach when his identity protection service notified him that his information was compromised by a company called National Public Data. National Public Data is a Florida-based credit and background check company.

This data breach comes as the Social Security Administration recently implemented a more secure login requirement for its website, requiring anyone who created an online account with the SSA website prior to September 18, 2021 to move their account to a Login.gov or ID.me account.

Here are a few things you can do to help protect your identity and confidential information...

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Celebrating 43 Years: Experience & Expertise Still DO Count in the Internet Age!

by Attorney Philip J. Kavesh



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THURSDAY
October 24th

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FREE REPORT



Most people feel a weight has been lifted from their shoulders after signing their Living Trust and estate plan documents. While this feeling is well-deserved, it's important to realize that your estate plan will need maintenance.

On October 17th, 2024, our law firm celebrates its 43rd anniversary since it opened its doors. From day one, the Law Firm of Kavesh, Minor & Otis has specialized in the area of estate planning and has helped thousands of individuals and their loved ones all over Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

Our law firm has a great deal of experience in successfully setting up, and assisting clients to maintain, an up-to-date estate plan to ensure they and their loved ones are properly taken care of when the time comes. Many have expressed their “peace of mind” in knowing that their hard-earned assets will be properly preserved and distributed according to their wishes.

We have three California State Bar Certified Specialists in the area of Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law on staff. This requires additional studying, ongoing coursework, and testing to help ensure we know all of the necessary aspects of this law area. We are proud to be able to bring this area of specialized expertise to each and every client we service.

We Know What Works – and What Doesn't!

Estate plans are put to the test when the Trustmaker passes away. Unfortunately, you won't know what you've got until it's too late and your family now has to administer your estate plan. In addition to the over 15,000 plans that we have drafted and prepared for clients, we have also helped administer over 4,000

Do You Know What Would Happen If Your Estate Plan Was Activated Today?

The sad truth is that most estate plans do eventually become out of date, causing problems if you (or your spouse) become disabled or pass away. This is why our founding attorney Philip J. Kavesh created an easy-to-follow checklist to determine whether it's time to review your trust.

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estates and trusts after the Trustmaker has passed away. We help the Successor Trustees and family members of the Trustmaker navigate the often difficult and emotional process after losing a loved one. Again, with this much experience, we...

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Estate Planning Awareness Week



Did you know that October 21-27, 2024 is National Estate Planning Awareness Week? If you have already set up an estate plan, we want to congratulate you! You have already taken the first step, which is far more than most people!

There are a lot of misconceptions about estate planning, including that it's only for the wealthy, it's for when you're older or retired, or that once you set up your plan, you're all set. Estate planning is for everyone and keeping your plan up-to-date with the laws, planning strategies, and your and your loved ones'

particular needs and circumstances is often overlooked.

If you know anyone who may benefit from setting up an estate plan (or get the plan they may already have reviewed by us), we encourage you to invite them to attend one of our upcoming Living Trust seminars. At the seminar, all attendees will receive a free consultation to meet with one of our attorneys, along with a fee discount should they decide to engage us!

[VIEW SEMINAR SCHEDULE](#)



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USA TODAY: **Most Americans Don't Understand the Time and Expense of Probate**

**“Where there’s a Will,
there’s a...*PROBATE!*”**

In our Living Trust seminar, we talk about how Probate is entirely avoidable with proper estate planning. It requires both a Living Trust (and a Will for backup only). The Trust requires proper maintenance and updating to ensure it has been properly funded (assets retitled into the name of the trust) so that you and your heirs can avoid the expensive, lengthy and aggravating California probate process.



Recently, a *USA Today* article highlighted the fact that most Americans truly don't understand how much time and expense goes into the Probate process.

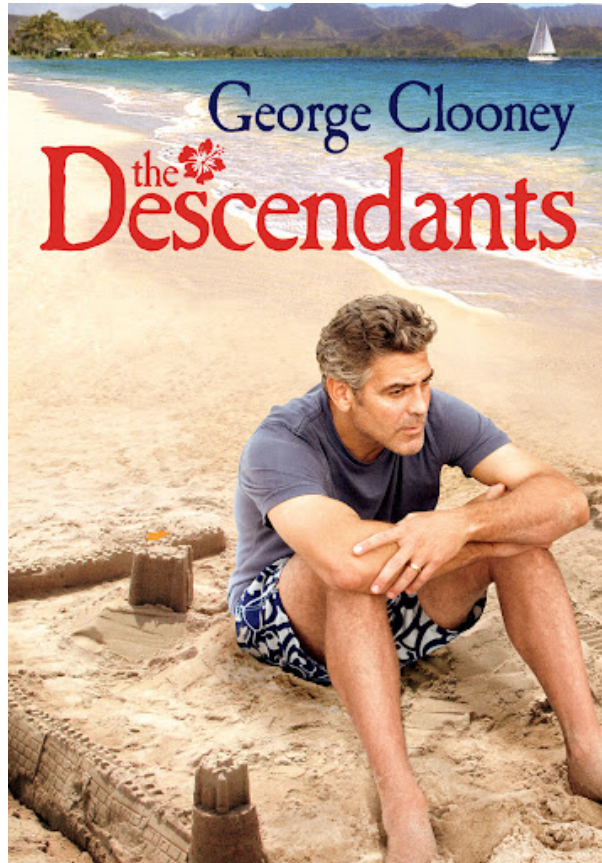
In California, Probate fees are calculated based on the estate's gross value, starting at 4% for the first \$100,000, 3% for the next \$100,000, 2% for the following \$800,000, 1% for the next \$9 million, and 0.5% for the next \$15

million. What this means that if your total net worth totaled \$1 million, Probate would end up costing...

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MOVIE (AND BOOK) RECOMMENDATION The Descendants

This 2011 Oscar award-winning movie is based on the [novel](#), *The Descendants* by Kauai Hart Hemmings. Starring George Clooney, this major motion picture is about a family who had to deal with unexpected tragedy and his character, Matthew King, serving as the sole trustee of a family Trust that holds thousands of acres of untouched land on Kauai. The family is forced to decide what to do with the land as soon as possible, including pressures by family members to sell the land to make a fortune and public backlash against the development of the land to developers. The film follows King's journey as he is faced with the heavy responsibility as the trustee that forces him to confront family matters. [VIEW OFFICIAL TRAILER](#)



Enjoy the beautiful scenes shot in Hawaii, while also experiencing some of the real-life encounters family members have to go through with estate planning, serving as Trustee, and managing family conflict.

OTHER NOTABLE CAST MEMBERS: Shailene Woodley, Judy Greer, Beau Bridges, Robert Forster, and Matthew Lillard

[WATCH ON AMAZON PRIME](#)

CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

“Kavesh, Minor & Otis have been our Estate Planning Attorneys since 2017. Ms. Lee has handled our account since 2019. The firm is extremely professional and competent and provides a range of very complete Estate Planning products. Ms. Lee is very, very attentive to our needs and questions. She is an excellent attorney and has always given us great advice. We highly recommend Kavesh, Minor & Otis, and Ms. Lee in particular, to anyone who needs Estate Planning advice and a Living Trust created for them.”

—Joe P.

“If you're like me and want peace of mind knowing that when your time comes, your family will receive what you've left them in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, I wholeheartedly recommend the law firm of Kavesh, Minor, Otis, especially attorney Peter Keon.”

—Robert M.



“Kavesh, Minor & Otis helped my mother out while she was administering my grandmother's estate and helped relieve a lot of her concerns and anxiety about the whole process. As a result, she decided to get her own Living Trust done by them and she now has a great deal of relief knowing that her estate planning matters have been handled properly. One of the reasons that she really trusted them to handle her affairs is because they regularly contact their clients to make sure they come in and review their estate plan and make sure that it is up-to-date. My grandparents were never contacted by the attorney who prepared their trust and there were a lot of unanswered questions and issues that could have been better resolved had they regularly reviewed their plan and updated it, as needed. Watching my grandparents' estate get settled and now seeing my mother get her trust done has motivated me to also go with Kavesh, Minor & Otis to get my plan set up as well!”

—Kimiko S.

Thank you for these wonderful client reviews, Joe, Robert, and Kimiko (all real clients)!

We know that our clients and all the members of our community have many options to choose from when it comes to assisting with their estate planning needs. It is very gratifying to us that people put their trust in us to help them with these important decisions that will impact them and their loved ones for years to come.

Many of our clients have asked how they can support us in return and they have done so by not only referring their friends and family (for example by forwarding this e-mail newsletter), but also by taking the time to leave us an online review (which we'd really appreciate, if you haven't done so already). Below are a couple of websites you can choose from to leave a quick online review of your experience with our firm.

Thank you, in advance, for your help! We look forward to continuing to serve you and your loved ones for many more years to come!



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

***“No matter what you've done
for yourself or for humanity,
if you can't look back on
having given love and
attention to your own family,
what have you really
accomplished?”***

—Lee Iococca,
Former President of Ford



OFFICE LOCATIONS

For your convenience, we have multiple office locations throughout Southern California.

NOTE: COVID-19 regulations now permit us to meet with you in person at our offices, but personalized meetings are still available through Zoom, FaceTime or telephone.

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990 W. 190th Street, Suite 500
Torrance, CA 90502

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1.800.756.5596

OTHER LOCAL OFFICES
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790 E. Colorado Blvd., 9th Floor

ORANGE OFFICE
333 City Drive West, 17th Floor

Pasadena, CA 91101

Orange, CA 92868

WOODLAND HILLS OFFICE

5850 Canoga Avenue, 4th Floor
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

NEWPORT BEACH OFFICE

5000 Birch Street, Suite 8000
Newport Beach, CA 92660



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